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PEACE SHUTTLE: Members of the Islamic goodwill mission shuttled between Tehran and Baghdad for five days this week to bring the two warring countries to a peaceful settlement. Pictures show from left Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Crown Prince Fahd; President Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh, Senegal's Ambassador Mustapha Sese, President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea, leader of the goodwill mission; and Prince Fahd. Members of the mission briefed the Crown Prince on their mediation efforts Wednesday night. The other two pictures show mission members with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr.

Israel can't stop F-15 sale to Kingdom

TEL AVIV, March 6 (Agencies) — Israel has practically no chance of stopping the sale of United States F-15 combat aircraft to Saudi Arabia, and should not clash with the U.S. over the issue, foreign ministry Director-General David Kimchi said Friday.

His comment, on Israeli radio, came against the background of an Israeli protest made at a Saudi Arabian request for extra equipment on F-15s.

Kimchi said Israel itself could not be selective in where it sells its weapons, adding that sales to right-wing dictatorships were essential for the Israeli economy and development of the weapons industry.

Meanwhile, Senator Joseph Biden said in Washington that there's a 50-50 chance Congress will go along with his resolution to block President Ronald Reagan's proposed sale of F-15s to Saudi Arabia. The Delaware Democratic said that 62 of the 100 members now in the Senate either voted for his unsuccessful 1978 resolution to veto the original sale of 62 F-15s to the Saudi Arabia, or now publicly oppose Reagan's proposal to sell additional missiles and fuel tanks to make the planes more potent.

"I think it will be close," Biden said Thursday in an interview. The sale depends on the Senator's vote. There is substantial opposition in the Democrat-controlled house, but Senate leaders have predicted the Republican-controlled Senate will approve the sale. Both houses would have to vote against the sale to block it. Biden said he was ready to introduce his resolution, but the Reagan administration did not formally propose the sale. The State Department said an announcement may be made before the end of the week.

Officials notified House and Senate committees earlier this week that the administration had decided to make the sale but had not decided details of what equipment to include.



ANCHOR SPOT: Walter Cronkite, pipe in hand, makes his exit Friday after anchoring the CBS Evening News for 19 years. Dan Rather, left, will be his replacement. Cronkite has been a broadcast journalist for 30 years.

Arafat invited to Japan

TOKYO, March 6 (Agencies) — A group of Japanese parliamentarians has invited the Chairman of Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat to visit Tokyo this year, it was announced Friday.

The invitation from the Japan-Palestine Friendship Parliamentary League said Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito were prepared to meet Arafat to discuss the Middle East issue as a whole, a

JPFPPL spokesman said. PLO flag flew for the first time in Japan Friday in a ceremony marking the fifth year of PLO efforts to gain diplomatic recognition from Tokyo. The black, white and green flag was hoisted at the PLO representative's office here as a crowd, including ambassadors and other representatives of the Tokyo embassies of all Arab countries, looked on.

Abdul Hamid Fath, head of the PLO office, which was established on Feb. 1, 1977, told the gathering after pulling up the colors that he hoped for a deepening Japanese understanding of the Palestinian problem and eventual diplomatic recognition of the PLO by the Japanese government.

Meanwhile a Palestinian leader said in Kuwait that Israel plans its largest invasion of Lebanon to date sometime before July to wipe out the Palestinian commando presence in the country. "The Israeli offensive would lead to an inevitable war with Syria," Salah Khalaf, the second in command of Yasser Arafat's Fatah commando group was quoted Thursday as saying in an interview with the newspaper *Al-Quds*.

He said Israelis would try to advance as far as the outskirts of Beirut, to besiege the Palestinian refugee camps on the outskirts of the Lebanese capital. The Palestinian leader appealed to the Arab world to use their influence with Washington to foil the Israeli plan. In his view Israeli invasion would be larger than the 1978 brief Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon to a depth of 25 kilometers from the border. He said the Palestinian leadership had received information about the Israeli plan from both Western and Eastern sources.

Khomeini cancels all appointments

BEIRUT, March 6 (AP) — Iran's leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, has canceled all public and private appointments until March 14, Tehran radio has announced. It offered no explanation.

The announcement followed a speech by Khomeini to a group of young clergymen on their way to the front in the Iran-Iraq war. In that speech Thursday carried by Tehran radio, he said efforts to isolate the Islamic clergy in Iran were leading the country toward a "trash."

A statement issued by Khomeini's office asked the public to take his health into consideration and not to come to his residence without an appointment, the radio said. It was the second time in two weeks Khomeini's spokesman had made such a request.



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Ministerial conference to feature development

RIYADH, March 6 (SPA) — A roundtable conference on economic and industrial development in the Kingdom is scheduled to be held here Sunday at the King Faisal Conference Hall, officials announced Friday.

The conference is being organized by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy and the International Business Organization, and will last three days.

Leading speakers from the Kingdom will include Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad

Aba Al Khail, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer, Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, Agricultural and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh and Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman Solaiman. Nearly two hundred managers and executives of leading international companies from 32 states will attend in addition to the executives of 40 local companies.

Saudi Arabian ministers and experts will address the conference and answer questions from the hall in an attempt to explain all aspects of the country's development plans and review some of the important economic and industrial policies which are being undertaken by the government during the current plan. Now in its second year, the plan emphasizes the industrial progress of the country after the provision of the infrastructure services by the previous plan of 1975-1980.

Finance ministry sources said the aim of the conference is to let foreign experts and companies know first hand what the Kingdom wants to do and to understand thoroughly its ambitions for economic efforts in industrial, agricultural, commercial and other fields. Sheikh Aba Al Khail said the whole concept was proposed by Crown Prince Fahd who wanted the world to know the achievements of the country in such a short time, especially during the five years of the previous plan.

The companies taking part represent some of the largest in the world with great investing power, while those representing the Kingdom lead the field in trading and industrial investments.

Prayer Times

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Ishraq (Sunrise)	6.37	6.39	6.10	5.58	6.22	6.53
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.32	12.33	12.04	11.51	12.15	12.45
Asr (Evening)	3.55	3.55	3.27	3.13	3.38	4.07
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.28	6.28	5.59	5.45	6.10	6.38
Isha (Night)	7.58	7.58	7.29	7.15	7.40	8.08



Sheikh Aba Al Khail

COMMENT

By Ali Shalabi
Al Yom

what they talk about as potential dangers and foreign aggression are figments of their own imagination. Who has asked them to send their fleets and armies to the region and who authorized them to defend it?

As far as we know nobody has requested them to provide protection because making such request will only provide excuses for other powers to do likewise and thus create the insecurity and instability that the West is posing to check. In fact it is creating the situation of uncertainty by dispatching their troops to the area.

We have told Reagan and others in the West that we are quite capable of defending ourselves. All that we want is for the West to sell us the arms and weapons to do so. We shall pay for them like any other customer. If they can do that we shall be grateful.

Sindi delegated new powers

RIYADH, March 6 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan has delegated most of his administrative and financial powers to his aides Sheikh Kamel Sindi, assistant defense minister of civil aviation affairs, and Sheikh Othman Al-Humeid, responsible for military affairs.

Tabuk official opens photo display

AL-WEJH, March 6 (SPA) — Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid opened a photography and painting exhibition at Al-Khaledi sports club here and donated SR100,000 for the club and another SR100,000 for Al-Aqiq club in Amlaj. Sheikh Hamdan Hamed Al-Ereedi Al-Balawi immediately followed the prince's example and gave SR50,000 to each of the two clubs. In the evening, the prince dined at Wajib's

frontiers guard headquarters.

Earlier in the day, a ceremony was held here during which Prince Abdul Majid handed ownership bonds to 107 persons for land at Al-Nazla Al-Shanaleya area. The ceremony was attended by Wejh Governor Sheikh Nasser Al-Sudairi and Yanbu' Governor Sheikh Naif Al-Sudairi. He later attended a lunch given in his honor the city's residents.

Australia's prime minister to visit

By Geoff Wilson

SYDNEY, Australia, March 6 — Australia's Prime Minister Doug Anthony will visit the Kingdom during the last two weeks of March on a "trade consolidation" visit.

Anthony, who also is Australia's minister for overseas trade, will be accompanied by senior Australian government trade officials and Australian businessmen interested in expanding their trade with Saudi Arabia.

The party expects this visit to lead to the setting up of a joint trade committee between Saudi Arabia and Australia. This will be Anthony's third official visit to the Kingdom. He said his particular interest this visit will be in major ventures for petrochemical and aluminium. The party also will visit Bahrain and Egypt. Australia exports large quantities

of wheat, meat and dairy products, plus agricultural technology suited to arid climates, to Middle Eastern countries.

In other events, Australian dairy food manufacturer Freesia ice cream has begun exporting ice cream to Saudi Arabia. The company recently shipped 18,000 liters of ice cream worth about \$9,000 to Al Munajem cold stores in Riyadh. The shipment is due to arrive in mid-March.

The order was won by Freesia against competition from New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. A Freesia spokesman said it is hoped the first shipment will lead to an annual contract of two shipments every month.

In addition, exports of Australian cheese to Saudi Arabia are booming, according to recent figures.



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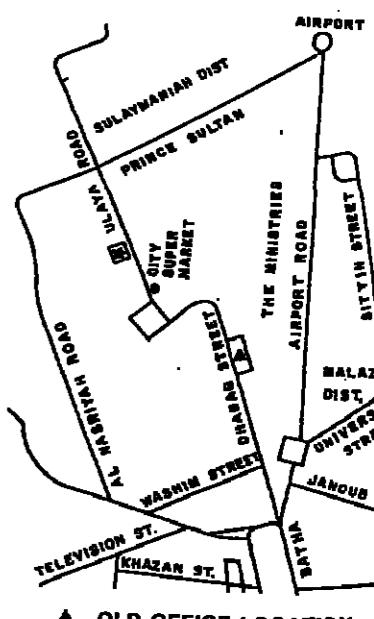
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Local bottler awarded industry prize

Al-Khobar business outperforms peers

NEW YORK, March 6 — Sheikh Suleiman Algoosabi, head of National Bottling Company of Al-Khobar was awarded first prize in a worldwide contest among more than 500 PepsiCo bottlers, officials announced here at a dinner held at New York's World Trade Center, according to a press statement Friday.

In presenting the "Donald M. Kendall International Bottler of the Year Award," Kendall, who is chairman and chief executive of PepsiCo Inc., the \$6-billion-plus multinational corporation, said, "Sheikh Algoosabi, indeed, has the right to be on top of the world, having been selected under the utmost scrutiny from among hundred of bottlers around the globe."

Sharing the dais were special guest Richard M. Nixon, former President of the United States, Andraill Pearson, president of PepsiCo, Inc., and Peter Warren, chairman of PepsiCo's international division.

Kendall attributed the sheikh's success to far-sighted investments and to company growth which had significantly outperformed the industry. The Saudi Arabian company was the leader in PepsiCo's Mideast region on both absolute volume increase and percentage increase, the statement reported.

National Bottling Company, "Now has one of the most modern and efficient soft drink operations anywhere," Kendall said, having produced and sold in 1980 over 10 million cases of cans.

In a dinner speech, Nixon emphasized that increased trade between the West and Communist Bloc nations was essential to strengthen the roots of world peace. "We have to realize," he said, "that all communications and trade ties with one another.

First runner-up in the global contest was



GREETING: In traditional Saudi Arabian fashion, businessman Sheikh Suleiman Algoosabi plants a kiss on the cheek of former United States President Richard Nixon during a dinner for PepsiCo International's top overseas bottlers at New York's World Trade Center. The Saudi Arabian's National Bottling Company of Al-Khobar won the "Donald M. Kendall International Bottler of the Year Award."

Luis Regordosa, Valenciana, of the Regordosa chain in Puebla, Mexico; second runner-up was J. Ramon Flores, Embotelladores Valenciana, S.A. of Spain. Other regional winner-participants at the World Trade Center event were from Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Curacao, Nigeria, The Sudan, Austria, Denmark, West Germany, Okinawa, West Malaysia, and a non-franchise company-owned facility in Mexico.

Also attending the Feb. 21st dinner were Muhammad Hindi, general business manager of National Bottling Company, Robert Walker, PepsiCo's Mideast region vice president; and Kadig Mahmoud, PepsiCo zonal vice president for the Middle East and Africa.

Exporter lauds Islamic slaughter method

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, March 6 — French meat importers have found the Islamic method of slaughtering so healthy and convenient that they also plan to apply it to other exported meat, Hubert Clergeau, a major French meat exporter, said Wednesday evening.

The exporter told *Arab News* that the method in which the neck is slit is an important factor in the decision. In this method, the blood empties from the blood vessels completely and efficiently. Otherwise, he added, the blood would clot and remain in the veins, which makes the food unhealthy. In addition, the food would be perishable even in a deep-freeze. It is only the blood in the muscle that is rich in vitamins, Clergeau said.

The projects include backfilling of

held an exhibition in Riyadh before winding up here Wednesday. The dinner was given by Jeddah's Chamber of Commerce and Industry and attended by Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, the head of the chamber, and other prominent businessmen. The firms represented are those employing not more than 30 to 600 employees except for a furniture factory employing 1,200 people.

Public service projects awarded

DAMMAM, March 6 (SPA) — The Eastern Province's municipal and rural affairs directorate last Wednesday allocated SR8,261,000 for projects and public services in the province and Ahsa.

The projects include backfilling of swamps; temporary and permanent surfacing of streets; creation of King Faisal garden in Jubail; construction of water reservoirs and the establishment of food, vegetable and fish markets. Some of the contracts have been given to national firms, while a number of bids are still under examination.

In Khartoum OIC central bank governors to meet

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 6 — The most important economic meeting since the third Islamic summit in Taif two months ago opens in Khartoum Saturday.

Governors of central banks and monetary authorities of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference will consider problems, future projects and debate methods for implementing the summit's various economic resolutions and recommendations.

The economic action plan for Islamic countries approved by the summit called for stronger contribution by OIC members to enhance the flow of financial resources to help meet their rising investment and import-export needs.

The plan, for which Saudi Arabia donated \$1 billion; Kuwait \$500 million; the United Arab Emirates \$500 million and Qatar \$300 million during the summit, would also have OIC members assess the existing national capital markets to improve access by other

interested member states to these markets and encourage investments. It further calls for strengthening mutual exchange of information on monetary and financial matters.

The plan also called for strengthening direct cooperation among financial institutions in member states along with existing payment arrangements. Member countries also should explore the possibility of setting up a communal network of multilateral schemes.

Governors also will discuss a recommendation by the group of experts which met in Jeddah last month to examine two studies prepared in the field of trade by the central banks of Syria and Morocco for the promotion and financing of trade among the organization's member states.

They will discuss a specialists' report on promotion and financing of inter-Islamic trade. The Organization of the Islamic Conference is launching an agreement on the promotion, protection and guarantee of

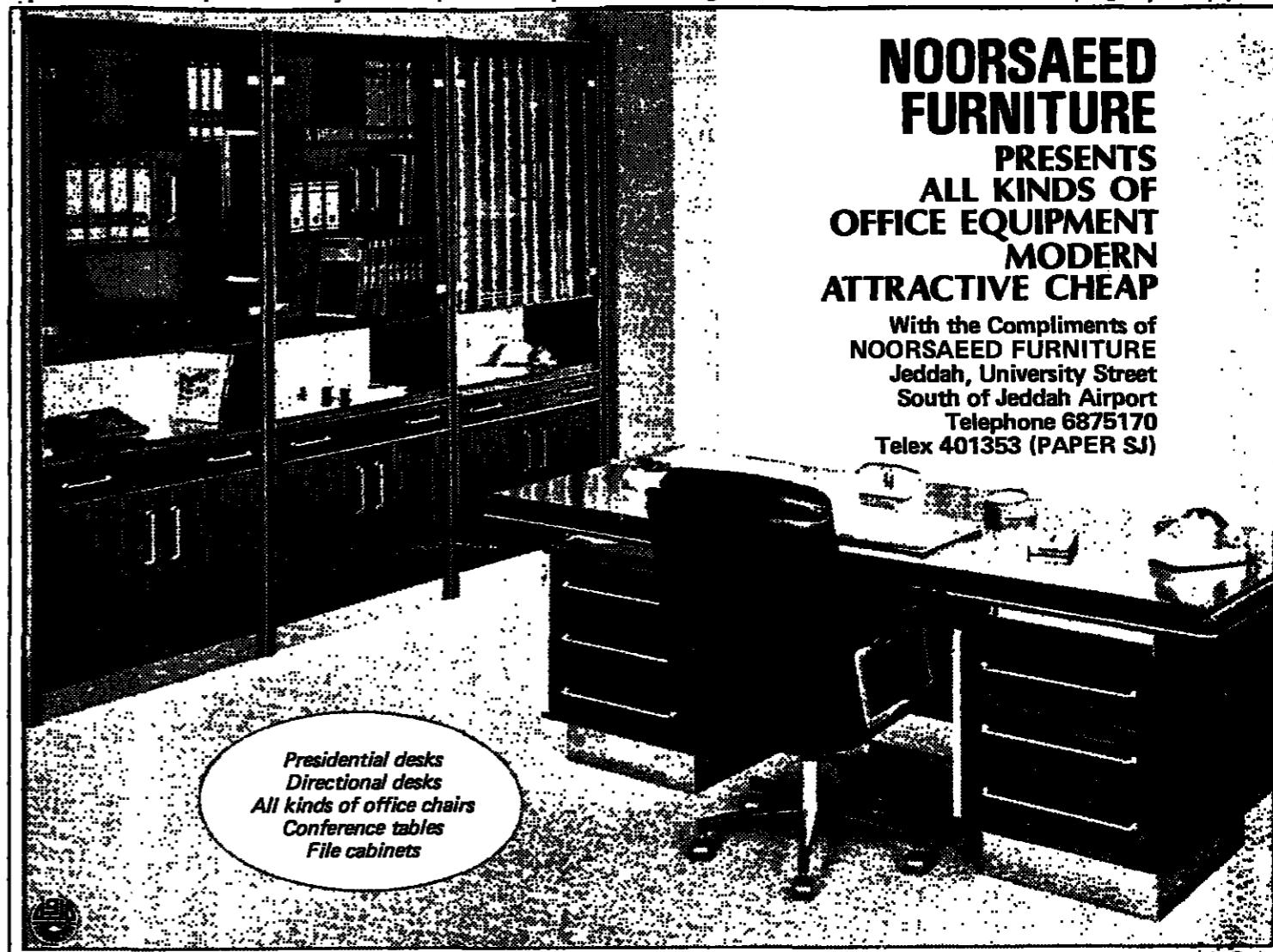
investments among OIC members which will be finalized at the 12th Islamic conference of foreign ministers planned in Baghdad shortly.

The Khartoum meeting is certain to review progress on the question of granting the Palestine Liberation Organization observer status and inviting its meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank despite opposition from the PLO's opponents at the board of the two institutions. The issue will come up as part of the progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the third meeting of governors of central banks and monetary authorities held in Riyadh last September.

Governors also will review the world economic and financial situation with special reference to Islamic countries. They will examine the experts' report on promotion, regulation and supervision of Islamic banks which met lately at the headquarters of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency in Riyadh.

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Character preservation reaffirmed

Arab cities seminar ends talks

MEDINA, March 6 (SPA) — The six-day "Arab city, its characters and Islamic culture" seminar called on the Arab Towns Organization to urge Arab governments to form high-level committees for preserving their cities' character and culture.

At the end of its deliberations Thursday, the symposium reaffirmed that the responsibility of preserving the Islamic features of Arab cities falls on governments, municipalities and the public as well.

The seminar recommended the Arab

Urban Development Institute prepare detailed studies on the general structures of the proposed committees and the line of their operations to maintain the characters and culture of Arab cities and encourage further research.

Among the recommendations of the seminar was the formation of a permanent council or commission that acts as a consultant. The body will be set up by full-time international experts to provide wide ranging technical and scientific consultation and expertise. The

experts will give their assistance to all Arab cities in carrying out projects that would maintain the urban and architectural features.

The body also will help in solving the problems of old cities and find out ways of improving them. The seminar also called on the ATO to prepare educational programs that contain ideas and principles which give the culture appropriate attention. These programs are to be circulated in member states of the organization.

The symposium also reaffirmed that preserving the culture and characters of Jerusalem is the duty of every Muslim, especially in the atmosphere of Zionist occupation and their attempts to deface holy city's culture. It called for necessary measures to survey and maintain the Islamic features of Jerusalem and preserve it against ruin.

BRIEFS

Sharia college planned
RIYADH, March 6 (SPA) — Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University announced Thursday that it intends to open a college of Sharia and Islamic studies in the Eastern Province with the advent of the next academic year. The college will offer legislation and social sciences classes. The university had opened a college of Sharia and Arabic language in Abha and a similar one in Qasim.

Education camp ends

DAMMAM, March 6 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi will attend a ceremony marking the end of the regional education camp Friday. The camp, organized by Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, was held in Alkhobar. Prince Abdul Mohsen will issue commemorative gifts to some of the former JMSIU graduates who participated in the camp.

Veterinary students graduate

HASA, March 6 (SPA) — The Hasa Veterinary and Animal Production Training Center will hold a ceremony Saturday to mark the graduation of its second class. The 17 trainees will graduate under Hasa Governor Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd ibn

Barakat inspects facilities

KARACHI, March 6 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian Navy Commander Brig. Muhammad Aun Al-Barakat inspected the Pakistani naval facilities in Karachi Thursday. Brig. Barakat had visited vessels of the Pakistani fleet and the Naval academy Wednesday. The Saudi Arabian official is in Pakistan on a week-long official visit that begins Saturday.

Handicapped day noted

RIYADH, March 6 (SPA) — The General Presidency of Girls' Education will take part in marking the celebration of the 'Year of Handicapped Children' in Riyadh Friday. The celebration aims at better understanding of looking after handicapped children.

Jazzaeri in Algeria

TUNIS, March 6 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-Jazzaeri arrived here Thursday from Algeria on a few days' official visit to Tunisia.

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The seminar commended the mayors of Arab towns under Zionist occupation, and lauded the population stand in these areas for their solidarity and preserving their culture.

The symposium recommended publishing a regular guide that would comprise the basic facts for planning and developing cities. The guide will be based on information provided by municipalities regarding the population, social and economic facts needed for planning and urban development.

To further enrich expertise and enhance cooperation, the seminar recommended the formation of a society of architects and planners for every Arab country. A coordination committee, that would link the societies at the level of the Arab world, was recommended as well.

The seminar urged for ensuring necessary measures to link practice to theoretical education and close the present gap between the two.

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The official added that the Qatif branch granted SR15 million assistance, of which about SR12 million was allocated for poultry farmers in Qatif. The branch's loans benefited 2,200 dunum of utilized land, and 1,300 under reformation.

Uwaifeer said that demand for bigger loans increased during the past nine months period. It is obvious in the loans granted so far since the considerable sized loans totaled SR71 million, more than 50 per cent of the total amount of loans granted. That is part of the government's encouragement to such projects with the aim of increasing national production, and to facilitate the establishment of such projects, the official said.

Agricultural bank publishes loans statement

HASA, March 6 (SPA) — The Eastern Province branch of the Agriculture Development Bank granted 1,126 loans that totaled SR138 million during the past nine months, according to officials Friday.

Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Uwaifeer, the agricultural bank's Hofuf branch director, said the Hofuf branch alone has issued 760 loans that totaled SR54 million during the said period. The loans were granted to 710 farmers, 31 beduins, nine poultry farm owners, four leases for agricultural machinery, three fishermen and a nursery farm project.

The branch also granted financial assistance to farmers and poultry farm owners that amounted to SR16 million. About SR12 million was allocated for poultry farmers, issued monthly in the form of fodder. The bank's loans during the nine months covered 5,780 dunum of utilized land and 17,000 of

unutilized land.

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John K. McKinley

Texaco official visits Kingdom

RIYADH, March 6 — Concluding a five-day visit to Saudi Arabia, John K. McKinley, chairman and chief executive officer of Texaco Inc., expressed appreciation for the warm reception given him throughout his visit to the Kingdom and remarked on the significant achievements he had observed.

During his visit, McKinley met with a number of Saudi Arabian ministers, other government officials and business leaders and inspected various facilities, a Texaco Saudi press statement said Friday.

"It is clear to me that the leadership in Saudi Arabia is deeply committed to developing a broader-based economy," he said. "I am impressed with the quality of the industrial development in the Kingdom which has already been achieved," McKinley was quoted as saying.

In Dhahran, the Texaco chairman visited a number of the facilities of the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO), where Texaco has had an association dating back to 1936. He was the principal guest at a dinner given by Elton G. Yates, Texaco vice president and a member of the ARAMCO board of directors, attended by some 100 ARAMCO employees on loan from Texaco.

McKinley also visited the new industrial complex of Jubail, where a large lubricating oil refinery is proposed for construction by a joint venture in which Texaco will hold a 25 per cent interest. While there, he was a guest at a luncheon hosted by Dr. Jamil Jishi, the Royal Commission's director general for Jubail projects, the statement added.

In Riyadh, McKinley visited the plant of Saudi Plastic Products Co. Ltd. (SAPPCO), as the guest of Omar A. Aggad, managing director. SAPPCO and Texaco Saudi Investments Ltd. have formed SAPTEX, a partnership to manufacture polyurethane insulation panel-board. The plant will be located in Riyadh. Addressing a meeting of some 75 representatives of American companies in Riyadh, the Texaco chairman expressed confidence about the investment climate in Saudi Arabia.

5,970 in operation

Statistics released on schools

RIYADH, March 6 (SPA) — The number of schools and institutes of the Ministry of Education across the country totaled 5,970 comprising 37,371 classes, according to a report issued by the ministry Friday.

The statement issued by the Statistical Information and Educational Documentary Center, stated that 770,331 people are studying in the schools. The number of teachers employed in these schools reached 45,600, the statement said.

The schools are run by an administrative staff of 8,857 employees and served by 13,340 workers. Primary schools form the major percentage of schools with a total of 3,783. They comprise 28,435 classes in which 549,745 pupils are learning. The primary school students are taught by 29,578 teachers.

The report stated that regular and night

class intermediate schools in all regions of the Kingdom number 968 schools with 5,935 classes. The intermediate schools employ 10,035 tutors for the 145,000 students.

Regular and night secondary schools total 279 comprising 2,097 classes. More than 55,000 students get their education in these schools by 3,044 teachers, according to the report. The number of institutes, teacher training and intermediate institutes, also reached 58 with 248 classes in which 10,971 students are taught by 1,109 tutors.

The report said the number of vocational and technical training schools total 30 with 328 classes. Students studying in these schools and institutes number 6,920 and are taught by 930 instructors. The special education institutes and schools in the Kingdom reached 58 comprising 286 classes, 1,971 students and 862 tutors.

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For summit with Brezhnev

King Hussein to visit Moscow next month

By Bob Lebling and Fawzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 6 — Jordan's King Hussein, advocate of a broader Middle East peace framework that includes the Soviet Union, plans to fly to Moscow next month for summit talks with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, it was reported here Thursday.

Hussein has accepted "in principle" the Soviet Union's invitation and tentatively plans to travel to Moscow in late April, only weeks after the King's scheduled talks with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, according to a report from the Moscow Bureau of *The Christian Science Monitor*.

The Jordanian monarch's decision to meet with Brezhnev is expected to give Hussein a much-improved bargaining position in his

Ghali to visit Britain

CAIRO, March 6 (AP) — State Minister for Foreign Affairs Butros Butros Ghali, one of Egypt's key negotiators in the Mideast peace talks, plans to visit England sometime before the end of April, the official Middle East News Agency reported.

Ghali is expected to hold talks with Lord Carrington, the British Foreign secretary and other top officials.

Lord Carrington plans to lead a European initiative next July when Britain takes over the presidency of the European community in an attempt to restart Palestinian autonomy talks bogged down between Israel and Egypt.

Engine failure caused 'copter crash

CAIRO, March 6 (AP) — The helicopter crash that killed Defense Minister Ahmed Badawi and 13 top-ranking army officers was caused by an engine failure, the pilot has said.

Col. Ahmed Samir Gheith said Thursday that the helicopter was checked, and was in good shape before take off set for 4:30 p.m. Monday, but that about 50 feet above ground, he noticed a problem with the engine.

"After 25 seconds, I felt a complete failure and the helicopter started falling," he said. He and the crew members, all four of whom survived, said, in an interview broadcast on Egyptian television, they thought the failure was caused by sand or a bird being sucked into the air intake of the Soviet-built MI-8

Tributes paid to Kuwait's U.N. envoy

UNITED NATIONS, March 6 (R) — General Assembly President Ruediger Von Wechmar and Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim have led emotional tributes to Abdalla Bishara, chief delegate of Kuwait, who is returning home after 10 years here. Chief delegates from most of the member states, senior U.N. officials and other friends of Bishara in the U.N. community attended a lunch at which the Kuwaiti diplomat affirmed his dedication to U.N. ideals.

In his new post as principal foreign affairs adviser to the prime minister of Kuwait,

King Hassan confers with Giscard

PARIS, March 6 (AFP) — King Hassan II of Morocco conferred with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing Thursday over a dinner at the Elysee Palace, it was announced. The Moroccan ruler arrived earlier in the day for a 48-hour visit. He was accompanied by his foreign and information ministers.

The subjects thought likely to be discussed were the situation in the Mediterranean and

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Iranians hurt in clashes at meeting

TEHRAN, March 6 (R) — Dozens of Iranians were wounded and scores detained in clashes between rival demonstrators at a rally in Tehran University, eyewitnesses said. President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was addressing a big crowd of his supporters when small bands of "Hezbollahis" (members of the Party of God) tried to disrupt the rally by shouting slogans in favor of Islamic fundamentalist leaders.

The Hezbollahis, carrying pictures of Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai and leader of the dominant Islamic Republican Party (IRP), shouted "Death to Bani-Sadr." The president ordered security forces to arrest some of his opponents, who had cut off several loudspeakers.

Police aided by the president's supporters moved in on the opposition demonstrators and the eyewitnesses reported seeing many of them being taken away bleeding. Bani-Sadr told the crowd that identity cards found on some of them showed they were members of revolutionary committee linked with the IRP.



SLAIN: The body of Turkish diplomat Resat Morali lies in a central Paris street Wednesday after unknown assailants opened fire on him and two other Turkish diplomats. Another diplomat was also killed in the attack. (AP wirephoto)

Israeli diplomat tours Africa

TEL AVIV, March 6 (AP) — A senior Israeli diplomat is touring African states trying to persuade them to renew ties with the Zionist state even if formal diplomatic relations are out of the question, an Israeli newspaper has reported.

In a report from Paris, *Maariv* said Thursday Rahamim Timor, head of the Foreign Ministry's Department of International Cooperation left the Ivory Coast for Liberia

Thursday on the next leg of a tour that has already taken him to Kenya, Malawi, Lesotho and Nigeria.

The paper said Timor's task was to try and persuade African countries to restore an unofficial version of the close ties they maintained with Israel until the 1973 Mideast conflict, when these countries switched their support to the Arab cause.

Israel expels U.S. blacks

UNITED NATIONS, March 6 (AP) — Two black Americans have said here that they had complained to the U.N. Human Rights Commission that Israeli authorities had subjected them to racist treatment by denying them entry into Israel.

Robert Torrence and Mrs. Yvonne Madison, both of Brooklyn, New York, told U.N. correspondents that when they reached Ben Gurion airport Feb. 21 to tour Israel, security personnel strip-searched them, questioned them and put them on an Air France plane to Paris with six-year-old S. Edwards, a neighbor girl traveling with Mrs. Madison. Torrence said the Israelis took \$200 from him and never gave it back.

Mrs. Madison said that when she asked why they were not being allowed into Israel, a captain Rachael of the security force said it was because "I'm afraid that you will not leave the country."

Mrs. Madison added that in a telephone conversation, a U.S. consul officer named Susan Jacobson told her there was a group of black Americans in Israel that the government was having problems with.

The Jewish state has been seeking to oust American blacks that have settled in Dimona in the southern part of the country, claiming to be Jews.



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Are Russians bullies of modern world?

By Barry Schweid

WASHINGTON —

Is the Soviet Union the bully of the modern world? That is the way a Pentagon-financed study just released by the prestigious Brookings Institution sees it. It shows the Soviets using military force or the threat of force some 190 times since World War II as an instrument of foreign policy.

Proof, you say, that the Russians are the bad guys? Maybe. But before you carry that conclusion too far, consider another statistic from the same report by scholar Stephen S. Kaplan: The United States used force or the threat of force more than 200 times in approximately the same period.

Perhaps a different conclusion should be drawn: It is the nature of superpowers to flex their muscles to carry out their foreign policy goals. The 19th century imperialist powers operated that way, and modern America and the Soviet Union evidently no intention of breaking the mold. The conservative old men who run the Kremlin are not inclined to radical shifts. They can be counted on to keep probing for soft spots, particularly in the Third World, where force can influence smaller countries to bend

to Moscow's bidding.

Nor are U.S. President Ronald Reagan and the men around him timid. They are committed to a major military buildup and convinced they have a mandate from the voters to act. Arms control is fading fast as an immediate foreign policy goal.

The two superpowers are poised to confront each other where they feel their vital interests are at stake and to skirt around each other to secure increasingly scarce strategic resources. For a brief four years, though, from the fall of Saigon in 1975 until the Red Army rolled into Afghanistan in 1979, there was an intentional effort to point U.S. foreign policy in a different direction.

Especially with the sensitive new countries emerging from the shadow of colonialism, the United States held back on shows of power — in Angola, where Congress refused to vote the funds to aid pro-Western factions, and in Somalia, which was drifting toward the West, for instance. Congress hemmed in the Central Intelligence Agency by requiring prior notice of covert operations abroad, and former President Carter took office in 1977 determined not to be driven by an inordinate

fear of communism.

The "Washington spring," as writer William Greider called it, came unglued with the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Carter confessed to having too benign a view of the Kremlin, his administration promised to protect the Gulf oil fields against Soviet encroachment, and the superpowers were again matching strength with strength.

Carter linked the change in direction to events in Afghanistan. But as he shifted gears, the unpopular Vietnam war was becoming a distant memory, and reeding with it was the public's distaste for an American show of force abroad.

Ironically, even as the two superpowers grow more capable of extending their reach through more powerful navies and bigger air transports, they are disinclined to use the ultimate force — nuclear power. Several times Soviet leaders have raised the prospect of using nuclear weapons — against the United States, Western Europe and China. But only once, during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, did the Brookings study find evidence that the Russians actually alerted forces that would be used in a nuclear attack. (AP)

U.S.-Greece talks on bases hit snags

By Juliet Pearce

ATHENS —

Despite earlier optimistic reports, new problems have emerged during negotiations on the future of four American military bases in Greece. According to American sources, the Greek demands would limit the "sovereignty" of the bases as well as American freedom of action toward Turkey, Greece's foe. Greek officials say merely that they are protecting national interests.

The stakes are by no means paltry. The four American installations provide support for the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean and electronic intelligence in the area. Linked to the agreement on the bases is the process of Greek re-integration into the military structure of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Greece agreed to rejoin NATO's military wing last October and it was expected that the agreement on U.S. bases, initiated in 1977, would be signed by the end of 1980. But negotiations began only on Jan. 27 and it soon became apparent that the original treaty proposal would have to be considerably

modified.

Both countries have reasons to hurry. Some time before November, general elections will be held in Greece with left-wing Pasok opposition presenting a growing challenge to the ruling New Democracy Party. Pasok's political platform includes withdrawal from NATO and the removal of American bases from Greek soil.

NATO Supreme Commander Gen. Bernard Rogers visited Athens last month for talks with key Greek officials. It is believed that his visit might speed up the negotiations.

The main bone of contention appears to be what the Greeks call "American partiality toward Turkey." The Greeks insist that military aid to two countries be governed by a "seven to 10" ratio. American Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who opposes such a formula, is thought by the Greeks to be "overly pro-Turkish." Turkey is to receive \$400 million in direct military credits this year but the Reagan administration is likely to increase this amount. The Americans have earmarked \$260 million for Greece whose armed forces are roughly one-third the size of Turkey's.

Greece has also requested the list of military material ordered by the Turks, apparently to ask for similar hardware. American negotiators have reportedly balked at the request. The United States was also said to have evaded when Greece asked for American help in the event of an attack by Turkey.

As far as the operation of the bases is concerned, the Greeks are asking that Greek officers be put in charge and that half their personnel be Greek. The Greek government also wants full and unhindered access to the intelligence data collected by the monitoring stations. The concept is similar to the Turkish-American agreement of March, 1980, which governs the use of 26 U.S. installations in Turkey. The Americans, however, feel that some of the Greek conditions are stiffer.

The bases include a Sixth Fleet anchorage at Souda Bay on the island of Crete, the Iraklion air station, the Hellenikon air base at Athens airport and a major electronic surveillance facility at Nea Makri. It is not clear whether the current talks also cover a network of early-warning stations known as Nadge, which is mainly connected with NATO's southeastern flank defense. (ONS)

Chad refugees threaten regional stability

By John Gretton

The 300,000 refugees from Chad — now scattered in Sudan, Nigeria and Cameroon — are threatening the stability of their host countries as well as hindering attempts to solve the Chad question. The most serious threat comes from Sudan where the 8,000 Chadian refugees are a drop in the ocean compared with the hundreds of thousands from Eritrea. But their numbers are regularly swollen by remnants of Hissene Habre's rebel Chadian army which although having lost the capital of N'djamena, is creating unrest in its traditional stronghold in the east of the country.

Reports of Chadian towns swearing allegiance to their Libyan backers are belied by reports from Sudan of battles involving up to 2,000 Sudanese troops. More seriously, President Numeiri of Sudan has reacted angrily to Libya's hot-pursuit operations on Sudanese soil.

In Nigeria, some 7,000 refugees pose an additional problem for the country's already creaking federal structure. Whether or not they, as well as Libyans, were involved in December's riots in the northern town of Kano (which resulted in thousands of deaths), unrest is still continuing in Kano and has spread to other towns.

Last month, Kano's Bayero University was closed down for a second time. The Bida Polytechnic as well as a number of schools has suffered the same fate. Reports of state governments raising and training their own illegal armies have been denied in the Nigerian press, but clashes between supporters of rival political parties, particularly in the northern state of Kaduna have occurred.

In an attempt to assuage state grievances that is probably too late to be effective, the Nigerian House of Representatives recently raised by over 1 percent the share of the federal budget allocated to the states. A Federation Account Allocation Committee was also set up to ensure that the money is correctly and promptly paid. All this makes it doubly important for Nigeria's President Shagari to stabilize his northern frontier by achieving a lasting settlement of the Chad question. The mandate of the provisional government, under President Giubouki, expired last month — 18 months after being set up by the Lagos agreement of August 1978.

Despite the tireless efforts of Secretary General Edouard Kofio, the OAU has recognized that it is powerless to make any settlement stick without the help of a United Nations peace-keeping force. No one, however, has come up with an acceptable formula for recruiting such a force and imposing it on the fractious Chadians.

Letter to the editor

The Eritrean question has been discussed in the United Nations from 1948 to 1952.

In a final statement of his views, the Russian representative stated that the plan of federating Eritrea with Ethiopia amounted to "a marriage against the will of one of the parties" and it was a marriage which could not continue.

He noted that several delegations had spoken in favor of independence, differing only as to methods and waiting periods. Anyway the federation of Eritrea and Ethiopia under the Ethiopian crown became a reality in September 1952.

However, today Russia is the main supplier of all sophisticated arms, equipment and nerve gas to Ethiopia. I wonder, can Russia which had once advocated independence for Eritrea today be the main supplier of weapons which are exterminating our Eritrean people.

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Saudi Arabian Press Review

The weekend newspapers mostly led with the actions of the Islamic goodwill committee to effect a ceasefire between Iraq and Iran. They highlighted the committee's return to Jeddah after trips to Tehran and Baghdad and its meeting with Crown Prince Fahd. Meanwhile, *Al Riyad* led with the royal directives to the Ministry of Agriculture to give every facility to farmers.

In a broad front-page story, *Al Bilad* quoted Governor of Medina Prince Abdul Mohsin as saying the Gulf Cooperation Council would determine the comprehensive strategy of the Arab move. *Al Medina* frontpaged a report on an agreement signed by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) with Jordan and Niger. *Al Jazirah* gave page one prominence to the forming of the new cabinet in Kuwait and a statement by a Japanese foreign ministry officials that Japan now manufactures sophisticated weapons for defensive purposes.

Newspapers continued to comment on the mission of the goodwill committee, expressing their optimism that it would succeed in creating a rapprochement between warring Iraq and Iran. Some papers discussed the European move toward the Middle East crisis vis-a-vis Israeli intransigence and the American stance on the issue. In an editorial, *Al Jazirah* felt optimistic over the goodwill committee's success and said the Iraqi and Iranian leaderships are, in fact, an integral part of the Islamic leadership bearing equal responsibility toward the faith and Muslims of the

world. The paper lauded the achievement of the goodwill committee and said it gives an encouraging pointer to what is expected to achieve in the future. With the task being undertaken at such a high level, the paper said the committee was sure to reach an acceptable formula, settle the dispute and restore normal and fraternal relations between Iraq and Iran.

On the same subject, *Okaz* noted that the goodwill committee reflects the opinion and aspirations of the Islamic world as a whole and is, therefore, worthy of receiving full attention by the parties concerned. The prevailing atmosphere indicated that many channels would open before the committee to help it bring about positive results. Its shuttle between Tehran and Baghdad clarify the significance of ceasefire so that an appropriate atmosphere could be found to settle the dispute between the two countries by peaceful means, the paper said. It added, however, that the committee's success would depend on the extent of response it receives from the parties concerned.

Al Bilad said in an editorial that the success the committee has so far achieved has given rise to hopes that Islamic efforts would be successful in putting an end to bloodshed. Despite obstacles in the way of the goodwill committee, its determination to end the conflict provided the basic spur to its members to get a complete understanding of the position of the two countries, in order to be able to find a common formula acceptable to both countries. The paper added that Muslim leaders during their meeting in Mecca

and Iau resolved on creating this committee, in order to keep alive the spirit of unity and solidarity among the Islamic states and to play a constructive role to promote the causes of Islam and Muslims everywhere.

Discussing the same subject, *Al Yom* said the parties concerned have shown good intention toward the ceasefire and a peaceful solution to the crisis which ignited the war between the two countries. In its view, it had become necessary that a third party should intervene to bring closer the conflicting views with sincerity and honest intentions. The paper added that both countries believe that continued war would help none of them, as neither of them would be victorious nor vanquished. The entire Arab and Islamic world will suffer from this war, and only the enemies will reap a good harvest from it, the paper added.

On the other hand, *Al Riyad* dealt with the European move toward finding a solution to the Middle East crisis. It said the time has come for the western nations to feel embarrassed with the Israeli stance and its intransigence. The paper added the Israeli enemy also finds himself embarrassed as a result of the European initiative, fearing that West Europe might get far from the American influence. The paper held a firm view that a unified Arab stance would help Europe take a more positive line and further involve Israel in perpetual differences with the industrialized nations.



"I'm bringing it from the Eastern Province so we can enjoy the same TV programs as they do!"
Al Jazirah



MINARET : An old leaning minaret in downtown Jeddah, demolished recently.

City scenes spring to life on canvass

By Lee Benedict

JEDDAH — Incandescent sunlight dances across an emerald sea and splashes against the shoreline near Al Shatt. Delicately silhouetted against the early morning sky, shipbuilders cling to the rigging of a nearly-finished dhow. Nearby, on the Corniche road, an artist leans over his sketchbook and captures the scene with swift, deft strokes. Later, in his apartment, he will labor for hours fleshing out the scene, bringing it as close to reality as he can.

That's on the good days, the days when as Keith Hutchinson describes it "...the scene just pours out." Then there are the bad days. These are the days when no matter how diligently he works to capture the scene, the sketch goes poorly. "Those days I've learned to just pack it up and start over another day. Why work against the grain?"

These clear days bring a special clarity and brightness to the city's Old Town where

Keith does most of his work. Weekends, he captures the scenes he wants in his sketchbook. Nights, he fills in additional detail. Finally, when the drawing is as close to reality as he can make it, he inks it to completion.

The boat building scene at Al Shatt is one of six Jeddah scenes now nearing completion which Keith plans to produce as a portfolio of high quality lithographs. He hopes to have them ready by late spring.

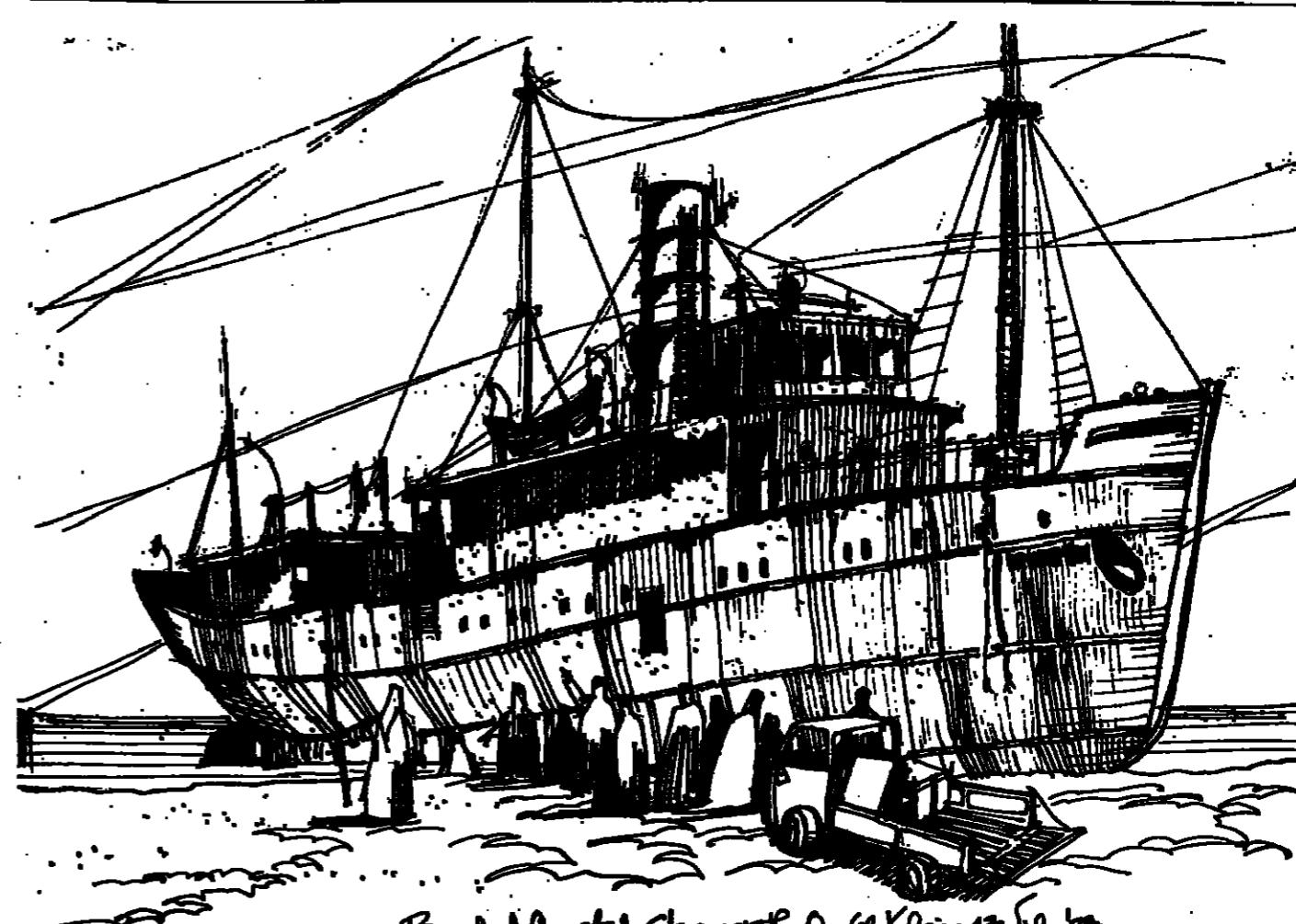
Finding just the right printing house to produce the lithographs is proving to be a major part of the project. "Right now," he explains, "I am leaning toward a company in London. The samples of their work I have seen and the mockup of the portfolio they submitted are very impressive." Two of the scenes are port oriented. The other four are street scenes. They include a mosque in Al Bukharia, a lane behind the Bedouin souq in Al Sahifa, a canvas-draped street in Al Amariya and a house near the Alawi souq that has a unique "key hole" entrance.

Why these particular scenes? The reasons are purely subjective. "These scenes have what I feel are the character and style of old Jeddah. I've looked at many scenes throughout the city over the past two and a half years and these have both historic appeal and visual vitality."

The artist sums up his feelings about the projects in these lines, penned as a sort of preface, or forward, to the portfolio:

"Soon, the old passes and with it unique cultural beginnings. We who see and understand feel compelled to interpret a fragment of this passage."

The Jeddah portfolio is Keith's second group of works to be printed commercially. A set of four scenes sketched in the souq behind the Queen's Building and other areas of Oil Town was printed last spring. Recently, three other works by Hutchinson were published in *Forms*, the quarterly review of "Anthropos Theoporus," a San Francisco-based academic society dedicated to the encou-



Beached Coastal Steamer, the Al Shatt, July 1978, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

OLD SEAPORT : A beached coastal steamer at the old Jeddah seaport.

agement of all forms of art. The artist's first venture into the production and sale of his works was not a commercial success. "If I had to depend on what the sales brought in," he recalls, "I would have qualified as your archetypal starving artist."

He hopes his new undertaking will prove more successful. "It had better," he confides. "Production costs will be extremely high. And that money will have to be committed by me up front. But I want the finest stock available and the finest lithographic printing available. So I'm reconciled to paying the price — whatever it is."

Keith hopes to recoup his production costs through sales of the Jeddah portfolios to Saudi corporations and Western companies doing business in the Kingdom. This means the sets will be pricey. "Probably in the neighborhood of SR 500. But the quality will

be the new facilities and services the people of the Kingdom need."

Another copy of Jeddah I is earmarked for Muhammad Said Farsi, architect and mayor of Jeddah. "I've never met him but from what I have read of his programs and his dedication to the preservation of the fabric of the city, he really seems to embody the spirit of the city."

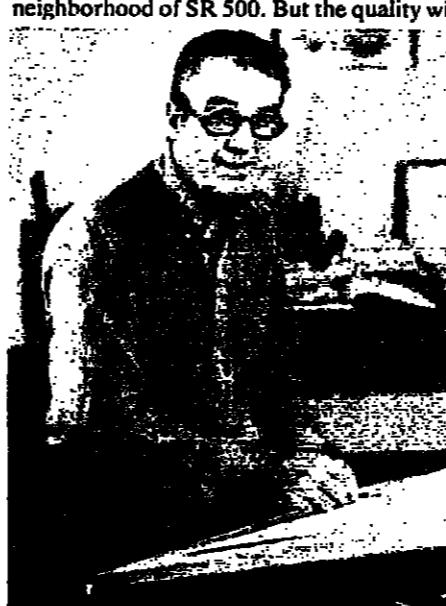
Keith has lived in Jeddah since arriving in the Kingdom in the summer of 1978. He was assigned here then by the Ralph M. Parsons Company, of Pasadena, California, to monitor interior design work at the Royal Commission Headquarters Building and Exhibition Pavilion in Yanbu. Later, Parsons reassigned him to the new airport project in Jeddah where he is now working as graphics coordinator for International Airports Projects.

Before joining the Parsons Company, he had his own industrial design studio in Southern California for 16 years. During those years, he maintained a branch office in Switzerland in order to serve a major industrial client in Germany.

In 1974, when the U.S. was hit by a deep recession, his design business folded. "The jobs just dried up," he recalls. So he went to teach design at San Jose State University.

In 1978, the Parsons Company, for whom he had provided consultant services for many years, offered him a full-time post with the Yanbu Industrial Center project.

Earlier in his career, Keith had studied art and worked in commercial art with a major advertising agency in New York. "What actually happened was, I experienced a rebirth in my interest in art when I arrived here. Now don't think I'll ever return to industrial and product design."

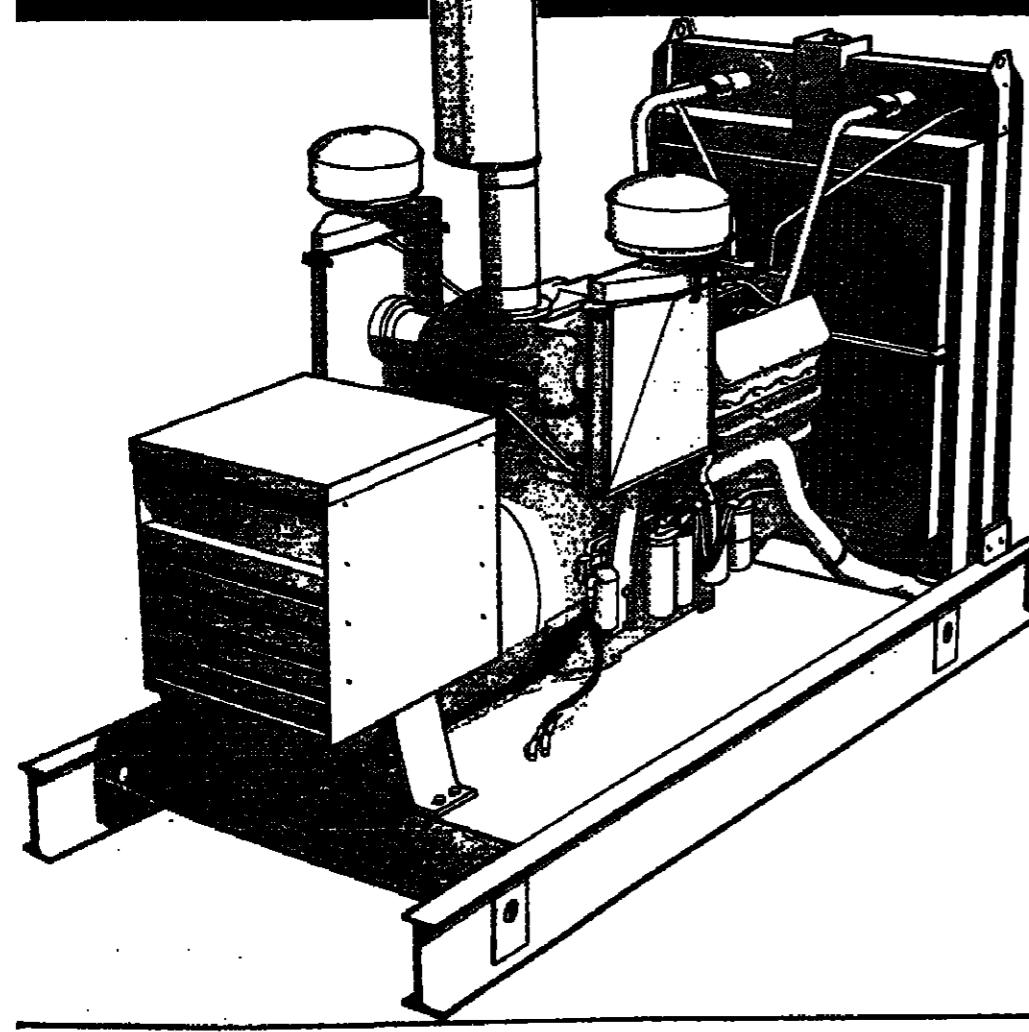


Keith Hutchinson, artist, at work



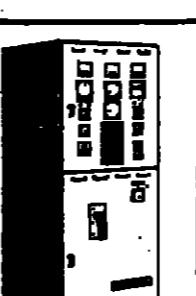
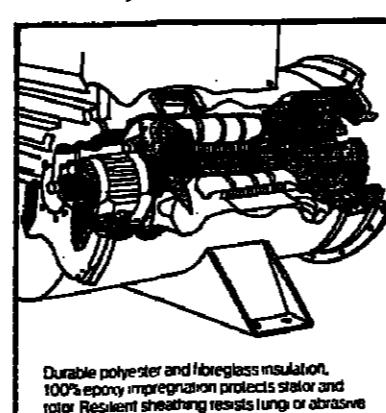
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Bucks clinch crown

NEW YORK, March 6 (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks have conquered the Central Division as expected, and now they hope to vanquish the powerful Philadelphia 76ers and Boston Celtics.

Milwaukee's 107-91 National Basketball Association victory over the Atlanta Hawks Thursday night clinched the Division title for the Bucks and assured them of a first-round bye in the playoffs.

Coach Don Nelson said his team's next goal is to finish with the best record in the Eastern Conference, a tall order since Boston and Philadelphia are both 54-51 and the Bucks are 3½ games behind at 50-18. Teams with better records get the home-court advantage in the playoffs.

In other Games Thursday night, Kansas City trimmed Portland 106-100, New York outlasted Detroit 104-101 and Phoenix tripped Utah 112-100.

Atlanta is one of the teams the Bucks believe they shouldn't lose to, especially at home. After the Milwaukee led 81-62 with 7:10 left in the third quarter, the Bucks managed only two more field goals during the rest of the period, while 5-foot-8 (1.7 meters) Charlie Cross led a 19-4 rally that closed the deficit to 85-81.

But two baskets by Harvey Catchings regained momentum for Milwaukee, and a jump shot and layup by junior Bridgeman gave the Bucks a 99-87 lead with 4:24 to play.

Kings 106, Blazers 100: Otis Birdsong who has scored 83 points in the last three games, scored 26 points to lead Kansas City to its second victory in as many nights and keep them in position for a playoff berth.

Portland is 36-34, Golden State 34-34, Kansas City 35-36 and Houston 33-36 in the battle for three Western Conference post-season spots.

The Kings trailed the trail Blazers by 13 points in the first half, tied the score 54-54 at halftime and took the lead for good on two Sam Lacey free throws with 2:16 left.

Suns 112, Jazz 100: Truck Robinson scored 26 points and Dennis Johnson added 17 to lead Phoenix to its victory over Utah.



THE LEADER: Finn Hannu Mikkola, piloting a Audi Quattro along a muddy road, leads the survivors into the second stage of Portugal's tortuous four-day Port Wine Rally Thursday. The second place too is held by a Finn Ari Vatanen.

John Conteh calls it a day

Kalule demonstrates glimpses of class

COPENHAGEN, March 6 (AP) — Ugandan junior middleweight Ayub Kalule outclassed American Pat Hallacy over 10 rounds here Thursday night but only demonstrated glimpses of the superb boxing he will carry stateside next June to stake his WBA title against Sugar Ray Leonard.

The 25-year-old Ugandan, now unbeaten in 36 bouts, was in control throughout, systematically piling up points and exploding into fast action only on the occasions when the Wichita, Kansas, fighter stopped retreating and threw himself into wild and mostly erratic attack.

Hallacy utterly failed to live up to his pledge to take the fight to Kalule who stalked him calmly and coolly, immediately striking down with lightning series up left and right jabs, upper cuts and blows to the body when the American ventured of his defensive stance.

The 3,000 crowd booed and whistled repeatedly and had to wait until the 10th and last round for some real fireworks.

Hallacy came out of his corner aggressively, but after missing some long, long swings and landing a few rights his determination quickly

withered as Kalule promptly forced him into the ropes for a bombardment from all angles. The American got out of that squeeze, but soon found himself in the corner, hit by a left that made his head snap back.

As the final bell sounded, Hallacy was again on the ropes, and Kalule ended the one-sided show with a flashy series of lefts and uppercuts.

Danish referee Max Strangfeldt scored it 100-92 in Kalule's favor. The two Danish judges gave it to the Ugandan 100-92 and 100-93.

Kalule's performance was flawless considering that Hallacy contributed so little to the action. The American seemed frustrated that his hard punching, when he did connect, had no effect whatsoever on the Ugandan.

Although Hallacy was not shaken at any point and Kalule still appeared to miss the real punch, the American was kept under such a constant pressure and was so soundly battered that he was visibly exhausted at the end.

Kalule, on his part, boxed this fight like he fought most of his previous 35 fights — doing what it took to win and no more. The bout

against Hallacy did not show what the Ugandan can do against an opponent willing to fight.

Meanwhile, John Conteh, Britain's former world light heavyweight champion, retired from boxing Wednesday night. Bobby Naidoo, boxing business manager for the 29-year-old fighter, said Conteh had decided not to wait any longer for the chance of a record eighth world title fight.

Naidoo told reporters: "He has had a good business offer worth more than he would have received for fighting Carlos de Leon (of Puerto Rico) for the cruiser-weight championship. He would have liked to go on top in a blaze of glory but it was not be." Naidoo did not say what the business offer was.

Conteh became WBC world light heavyweight champion Oct. 1, 1974, when he outpointed Argentina's Jorge Ahumada for the vacant title at London's Wembley Stadium.

He successfully defended the WBC title three times before the American-based council stripped him of it May 18, 1977, for pulling out of a title-fight against Argentina's Miguel Cuello.

Hadlee claims 150th Test wicket

Indians off to fine start

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, March 6 (AP) — Poor light stopped play one and a half hours early on the first day of the second cricket Test between New Zealand and India here, with India two wickets down for 168.

The highlight of the day was the achievement of top New Zealand fast bowler Richard Hadlee who took his 150th Test wicket.

Hadlee accounted for both of the wickets which fell — Sunil Gavaskar and Chetan Chauhan, both of whom were caught behind by wicketkeeper Ian Smith.

Gavaskar scored his highest total of the New Zealand leg of the tour, 53, before he was caught behind by Smith in the 45th to give Hadlee, his Test milestone, an average of 26.92 runs per wicket in 33 Tests.

Gavaskar was out fending off one of the few balls to rise much Thursday and his total, scored in 176 minutes, included seven boundaries. Chetan Chauhan has been one of the

England scores 11-run win

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 6 (AP) — England's cricketers put the political troubles which have dogged them for the past week behind them and beat the strong Barbados team by 11 runs in a one-day limited overs match here Thursday.

It was England's first match since the Guyana government's banning of fast bowler Robin Jackman because of his sporting contacts with South Africa. The tour was given the go ahead early Wednesday morning by the four relevant Caribbean governments where future matches are carded.

Among a crowd of 2,000 watching the game was Barbados Prime Minister Tom Adams, a tangible demonstration of the political backing which the tour has now been given.

Davis Cup round-up

Sweden snatches 2-0 lead

YOKOHAMA, Japan, March 6 (AP) — Per Hjertquist gave Sweden a 2-0 lead against Japan when he defeated Jun Kamiwazumi 6-3, 7-5, 8-6 in the second singles match of the 1981 Davis Cup first round competition here Friday.

In the opening singles earlier in the day, Kjell Johansson, a 30-year-old veteran Swede, beat Tsuyoshi Fukui, Japan's no. 1 player, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 in the best of five sets.

Saturday, Anders Jarryd and Hans Simonsson will meet Kamiwazumi and Kenichi Hirai in the double's match. The Swedes need one more victory to advance

BRIEFS

TURIN, Italy, (R) — Pietro Mennea, Italy's 200 meters world record holder and Olympic gold medalist, announced his retirement from competitive athletics Wednesday night. Mennea, 28, said he made the decision because he was certain he would not be able to maintain his form.

DENVER, Colorado (AP) — Meryll Nastase battle to a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Jrdi Tagyan on Thursday in the \$125,000 United Bank tennis, but not before he drew his second fine of the tournament — \$3,000 for "abusive language and obscene gestures." In a third-round match, defending champion Gene Mayer faltered in the second set, but rallied to defeat Phil Dent 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 and advance to the quarterfinals.

SALISBURY, Maryland, (AP) — Eddie Dibbs of the USA who Wednesday night defeated Brian Teacher of the USA 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 is the only unbeaten player in the six-man round robin tennis tournament here. In other matches Harold Solomon (USA) beat Manuel Orantes (Spa) 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; Bill Scanlon (USA) beat Vijay Amritraj (Ind) 6-4, 6-3.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Third-seeded Andrea Jaeger and fifth-seeded Billie Jean King scored straight set victories Thursday night as the second round of the \$150,000

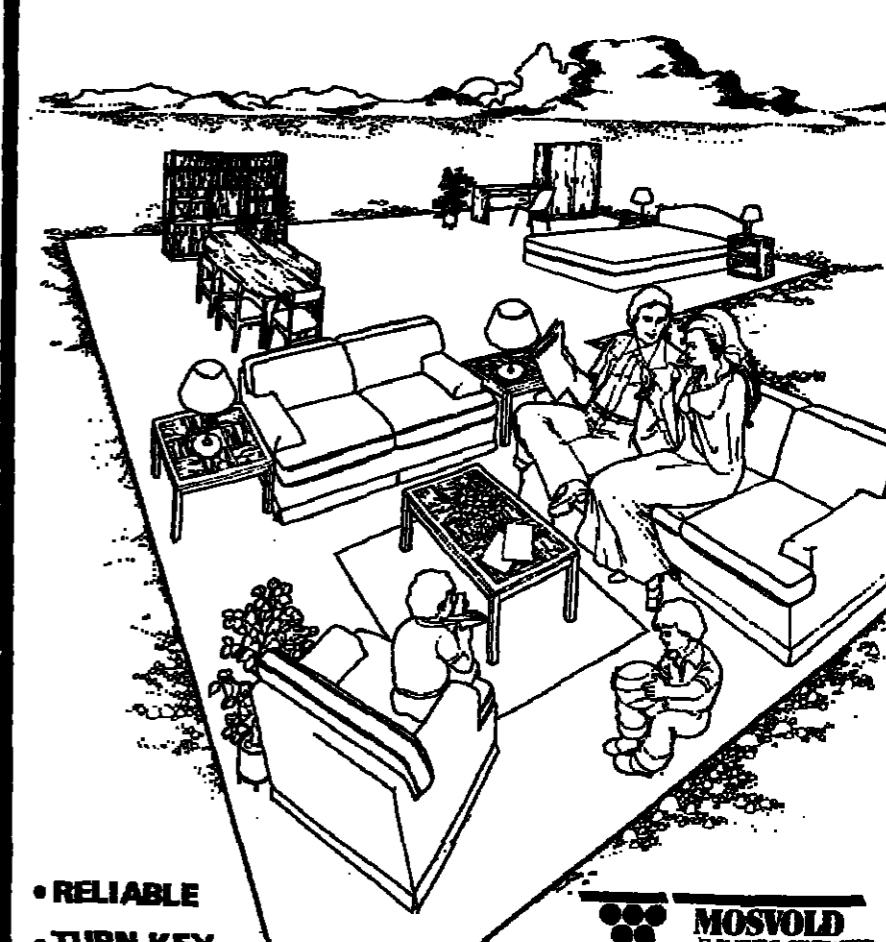
LONG BEACH, California (AP) — The dispute between two Grand Prix racing factions that threatened the sport's stability has been settled and an agreement signed in Pairs, Long Beach Grand Prix Association president Chris Pook said Wednesday.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) —

Twelve nations have confirmed participation in the Inter-Continental Cup Field Hockey Tournament here March 23-April 11. Malaysia's Hockey Federation secretary O. Vijayanthan said Thursday. Countries participating are Belgium, Singapore, France, New Zealand, Wales, Zimbabwe, Malaysia, Italy, Japan, the Soviet Union, Canada and Ireland.

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Souness nets 3 for Liverpool

LONDON, March 6 (R) — Eastern Europe's four representatives enjoyed mixed fortunes in the quarter-final first-leg ties of the European Soccer Cup Wednesday night. Only Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia look capable of claiming a scintillating berth when the second legs are played in two weeks time although Spartak Moscow of the Soviet Union may still entertain similar ambitions.

Red Star drew 1-1 with Italy's Internazionale in Milan and Spartak fought out a goalless draw with Spain's Real Madrid in Tbilisi in Soviet Georgia.

But Bulgaria's Caka Sofia suffered a 5-1 mauling by Liverpool in England and Czechoslovak's Banik Ostrava were beaten 2-0 by Bayern Munich in West Germany.

The four Western clubs are all previous winners of this trophy and Liverpool, Real and Bayern put their experience to good use.

Caka had reached the quarter-final stage

without conceding a goal and they travelled to Liverpool as the first round conquerors of England's defending champions Nottingham Forest.

But Caka's formidable defense had no answer to Scottish international Graeme Souness, who crowned a superb display with three goals.

One occasion, Souness contented himself with his usual midfield responsibilities and he played a part in Sammy Lee and Terry McDermott taking Liverpool's tally to five.

The Bulgarians, who had looked so impressive in previous rounds, had struck Younghusband to thank for their consolation effort.

Real, six-time European Cup winners, will also be well satisfied with their evening's work. Spanish international Santillana unleashed two great efforts but he came off second best to Spartak goalkeeper Reanat

Dassayev, who has only recently recovered from an appendix operation.

Bayern, seeking the trophy for the fourth time, produced their best form only in flashes, but goals from Herbert Janzon and Paul Breitner, from a penalty, should prove too big a deficit for Banik.

The chances of a clean-sweep for the West dimmed when Red Star's Repic stunned the 30,000 crowd in Milan with a surprise second-half equalizer. Caka had shot Internazionale ahead before the interval.

The quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup produced four outstanding performances on foreign soil.

Lowly Newport country of Wales, languishing eighth from the bottom of the English Third Division, drew 2-2 against Carl Zeiss Jena in East Germany as did Portugal's Benfica against Fortuna Dusseldorf in West Germany.

Dutch club Feyenoord Rotterdam will be confident of a semifinal place, despite losing 3-2 to Slavia Sofia in Bulgaria, and Dinamo Tbilisi emerged astonishing 4-1 victors against England's West Ham, holders of the Football Association (F.A.) Cup.

England's Ipswich duplicated that scoreline against St. Etienne in France in the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup — a match which had been dubbed the 'final before the final.'

The claim will be presented by Sochaux of France, who drew 0-0 in Switzerland against Grasshoppers, West Germany's Colloquies, who did likewise against Standard Liege in Belgium and Dutch league leaders AZ 67 Alkmaar who beat Belgians Lokeren 2-0

Only for Americans

LOS ANGELES, March 6 (AP) — In an effort to "Americanize" the game of soccer, the American Soccer League has ruled that only U.S. citizens or permanent residents will be allowed to play in the League, ASL commissioner Mario Machado said Thursday.

With an exception for foreign players who have no-cut contracts for 1981, "only American-born, naturalized citizens or permanent residents will play for ASL teams," said Machado, the League will honor no-cut contracts of foreign players but those contract ties must be resolved during 1981, he said.

He said the League director hoped to attract more fan support by stressing homegrown players, aid to amateur soccer, and international competition with an ASL all-star team of U.S. citizens.

Machado said the League expects to operate with nine or ten teams in 1981 and plans to expand to 15 teams in 1982. The all-star team is committed to a tour later this year with games in Belgium and Malaysia, Machado said.

Jack Nicklaus shares top spot

LAUDERHILL, Florida, March 6 (AP) — Jack Nicklaus fought his way through gusty winds to a 7-under-par 65 and a tie with Larry Ziegler for the first round lead Thursday in the \$300,000 American Motors Invitational Golf Classic.

"My best round since the PGA," said Nicklaus, who capped one of the great comebacks in sports with record-shattering victories in the U.S. Open and the PGA last year.

"Obviously, I played well," said Nicklaus, holder of a recorded 17 major professional championships. He is opening a string of three consecutive tournament appearances as his final preparations for the Masters.

"For the conditions, it was a very good round," the well-pleased Nicklaus said. Ziegler and Nicklaus shared a 2-shot lead over veteran Charlie Coody, who had a 67.

Curtis Strange, who shot a 68, was the only other man within four strokes of the leaders.

Andy Bean, a runaway winner of the Bay Hill Classic last week, tipped a big group at 69. Johnny Miller, who won this tournament last year when it was known as the Jackie Gleason Invitational, shot a 70. Gleason who no longer is associated with the tournament.

American triumphs

HARTFORD, Connecticut, March 6 (R) — Tiny American Scott Hamilton recovered from a fall to earn a standing ovation from the 13,000 crowd and win the men's title at the World Figure Skating Championships Thursday night.

Search for Spanish footballer continues

BARCELONA, March 6 (AFP) — Spanish police are combing the Barcelona suburb of Manresa for an orange car they believe may contain Spanish footballer Joaquin Castro, known as Quini, kidnapped Sunday.

The Barcelona civil guards received an anonymous phone call Thursday claiming that the popular forward could be found in an orange "Seat 131" parked somewhere in Manresa.

Earlier a woman phoned the civil guards to report seeing three south American-looking individuals stuff a sack enough to contain a

body into the truck of a "gold-colored" car.

In the meantime, Quini's teammates, in an apparent about-face, voted unanimously to go ahead with their league tie against Atletico Madrid as scheduled this Sunday, according to club vice-president Nicolau Casaus.

"We will play in hommage to our comrade Quini and we will be thinking of him at every instant," said Casaus, reading a communiqué from the players.

However, the morale of Quini's clubmates appeared at an all-time low and one player told reporters that their decision had been

taken following the advice of the Spanish police who are opposed to payment of ransom or any form of cooperation with the kidnappers.

Meanwhile, reigning European Football Club champions Nottingham Forest have signed Bayern Munich's Norwegian international defender Einar Jan Aas for £250,000.

Nottingham manager Brian Clough saw Aas play in Bayern's European Cup quarter-final with Banik Ostrava of Czechoslovakia in West Germany Wednesday night.

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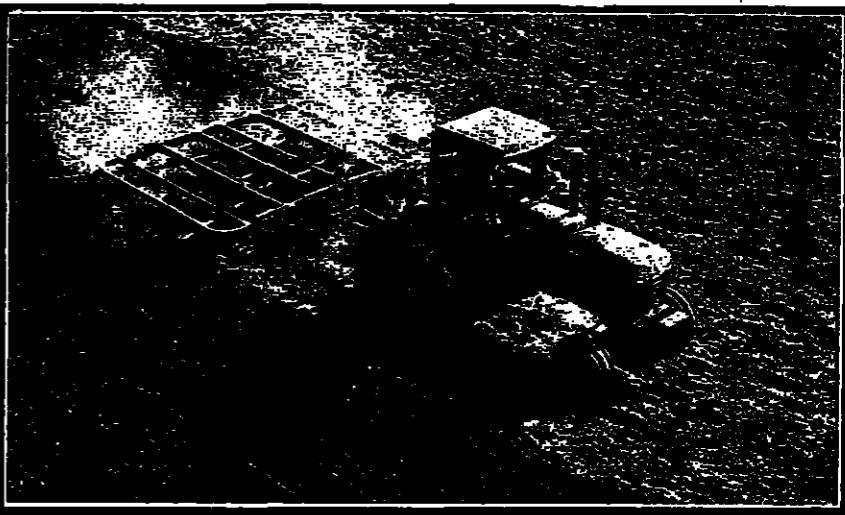


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Poland seeks \$3.1b from Western banks

LONDON, March 6 (R) — Poland has asked international banks to lend it \$3.1 billion by June to pay off part of its debts falling due this year, banking sources said.

They said Poland needed the money as part of a \$10.9 billion package. It is seeking from the West this year to make interest payments and clear outstanding debts.

The first vice president of Poland's bank H. Dlowsky, Jan Woloszyn, asked international banks for the refinancing credit at a meeting with bankers here Thursday, the sources said.

They said Woloszyn wanted the \$3.1 billion before June, by which time Western creditor governments and international banks hope to work out a longer-term rescheduling of Poland's Western debt, likely to reach an estimated \$26 billion by the end of the year.

The Polish banker explained that the \$10.9 billion package would also include new government-backed export credits of \$3.4 billion and \$4.4 billion to pay off old export credits.

Idle for 3 months

Largest tanker gets cargo

LONDON, March 6 (AFP) — The *Seawise Giant*, the world's largest oil tanker (almost 565,000 tons) has at last secured a cargo, three months after being launched, trade sources have said.

But the tanker will have to sail almost half-empty. Owned by C.Y. Tung, of Hong Kong, it has been idle since mid-January in the Gulf states area for lack of a cargo.

When Iran decided recently to resume oil

sales to Japan, Tokyo tankers chartered the tanker to carry crude oil from Kharg Island, the Iranian terminal, to Japan. But the cargo will total only 350,000 tons, slightly more than half the *Seawise Giant*'s capacity.

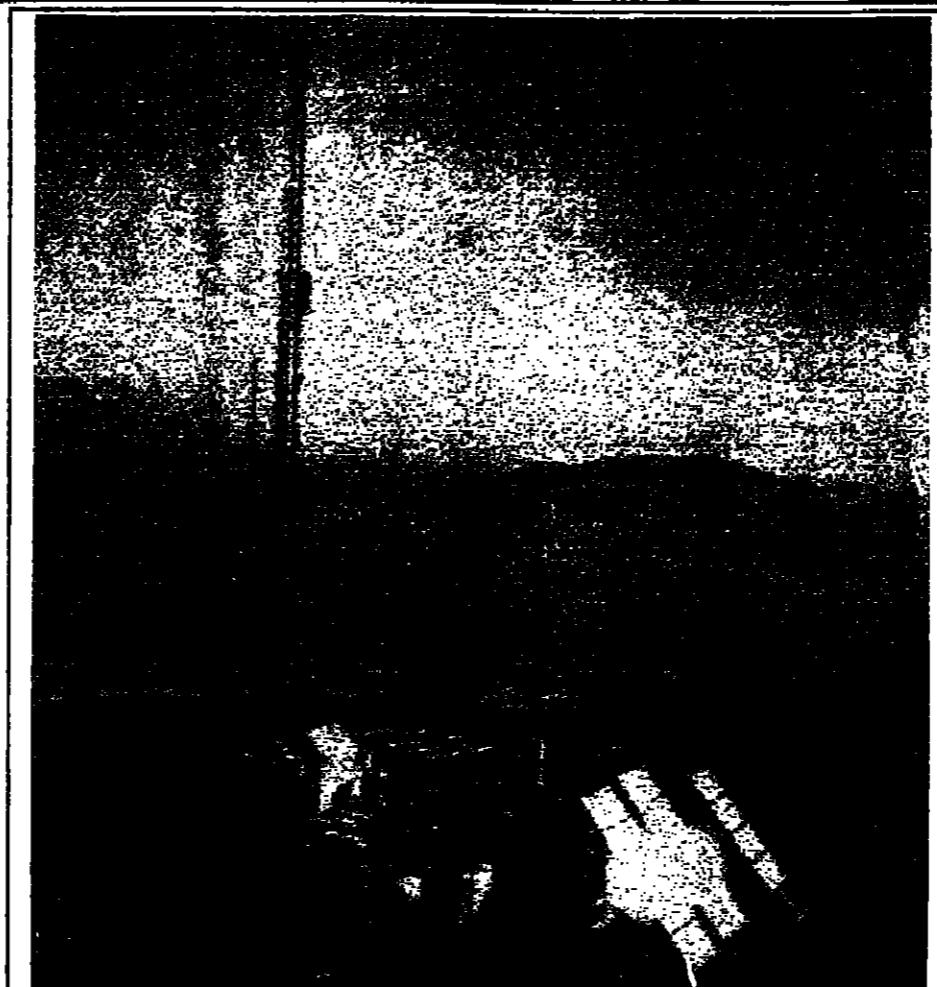
Brokers pointed out that the market for oil-tanker freights was increasingly depressed because of the glut of shipping and the slowdown in petroleum imports by the consumer countries.

About 30 super-tankers are at present awaiting orders in the Gulf zone and a similar number is expected to join the fleet before the end of this month.

Freight rates have consequently fallen to levels which, the shippers say, no longer cover running costs.

The world crisis in the steel industry has made matters worse. The scrap metal market is going through a difficult period. Old vessels which could have been sold to the breakers if scrap prices were adequate are being kept in commission.

The owners are also hesitant about laying up ships temporarily because experience has taught them that taking a vessel out on commission and then putting it back into service is costly.



SUNSHINE-POWERED RADIO: On Estrelle Mountain, a worker puts the finishing touches on what is believed to be the largest solar-powered communication facility in the United States. Sun glints off the solar collectors which provide power for the station near Phoenix.

Dairy price supports

U.S. farm panel okays freeze

WASHINGTON, March 6 (R) — President Reagan has won the first congressional test of his economic recovery plan when the Senate Agriculture Committee approved his proposed freeze on dairy price supports.

The committee voted 14 to 2 to recommend to the full Senate approval of the freeze. The Senate is expected to approve the measure with little opposition later this month.

The plan passed despite strong opposition from Wisconsin Democrat William Proxmire and other Senators from dairy producing states.

It will hold dairy price supports at the current \$1.30 per one hundred pounds of milk, rejecting an increase to \$1.40 scheduled to take effect April 1.

Reagan said the waiver of the April 1 increase would save the treasury \$147 million by October 1.

Dairy producers last week told the committee they would suffer financially if the increase were denied. The dairy industry is one of the most powerful lobbying groups and contributed almost \$1 million last year to congressional campaigns.

Meanwhile, President Ronald Reagan has received banking for his economic austerity package from 44 Democratic representatives

mainly from southern states who even suggested that he cut a further \$11,000 million from the 1982 budget.

Reagan has already announced spending cuts of \$49,100 million, and the Democrats said the extra cuts be aimed at over spending which has already been reduced by 26 per cent. They also said that the government funds should be replaced by private funds in the creation of the strategic oil reserve.

The White House Thursday expressed satisfaction that some Democrats had backed the president's proposals, but did not comment on the extra proposed cuts. The support of 44 democrats in the house of representatives improves the chances of the president's program being adopted without too many amendments when debate begins next week.

The Democrats hold a majority in the assembly with 243 members against 192 Republicans.

However, American labor leader Lane Kirkland assailed President Reagan's economic proposals Wednesday as a prescription to hike inflation and more unemployment and that they would cheat low- and middle-income Americans while pretending to be fair to all.

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BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — The Transport Committee of the British House of Commons Friday expressed its preference for a channel rail tunnel project that would be largely financed by private capital, though adding that more study would be needed. The committee issued its report after a long investigation on both sides of the channel during which 12 tunnel projects were examined.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The price of ordinary gasoline in the U.S. has gone up by 14 cents a gallon on average this year so far, with ordinary costing \$1.38 while lead-free gasoline is now at \$1.44, according to a

motorists' organization here.

PARIS, (AFP) — Malaysian Airlines System (MAS) will from April 2 call in at Paris on its run between Kuala Lumpur and London. This weekly service also takes in Dubai. The airline said the stopover at Paris gave easy access to western European capitals.

BONN, (AFP) — More than 100,000 metal workers staged a one-hour strike in 260 firms Thursday in support of pay demands, the IG Metal Union said Friday. The workers are seeking a ten per cent pay rise compared with an offer from employers of three per cent.

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Contracts abroad

Japan to provide easy loans

TOKYO, March 6. (AFP) — Japan has decided to follow the United States and European countries by improving financial backing for the export of factories, the Japanese press has reported.

Measures to help these exports are due to be announced at the end of next week as part of an overall government scheme to boost the economy.

The government is expected to authorize mixed loans from the Import-Export Bank and private institutions for up to 25 years between three and four per cent interest, as permitted under aid to developing countries.

Press reports said the government was also believed to have decided on permitting Import-Export Bank loans on similar conditions allowed for development loans — over 20 years at about six per cent a year. This would break guidelines set by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), but would match international competition.

Japan currently observes OECD accords

restricting such loans to projects worth less than \$100 million, but the new measure expected to extend this to any project, even smaller.

Sources here expect the government move to give a new twist to the international export credits "war", but it is stressed officials have been under great pressure. Japanese firms reluctant to lose contracts because other countries — mainly Britain and France — could offer attractive financial terms.

Sources have quoted the example of a contract for a lubricants plant in Morocco which was won by the French firm Techimex in face of competition from a Japanese consortium, as well as other cases in Tunisia and Algeria.

Japanese firms are particularly sensitive to this subject as they have seen several of their projects interrupted by the war between Iran and Iraq and others canceled by China.

The package to boost the economy is also expected to include a cut in the discount interest rate from 7.25 to 6.5 per cent on obligatory bank reserves and the launching of the start of the fiscal year, beginning on April 1, of about 70 per cent of public works aged in the budget.

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Bahraini Dinar	8.75		
Belgian Franc (1,000)	95.00	112.00	
Canadian Dollar	2.78		
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	159.00	15
Dutch Guilder (100)	140.00	145.00	14
Egyptian Pound	—	4.13	
Emirati Dinar (100)	—	91.00	5
French Franc (100)	66.00	68.00	6
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	84.50	6
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	4
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.53	
Italian Lira (10,000)	32.00	38.50	3
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.00	—	
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.48	1
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Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.50	8
Moroccan Dinar (100)	—	73.00	7
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	
Pound Sterling	7.33	7.48	
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.00	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	
Swiss Franc (100)	168.00	175.00	17
Syrian Lira (100)	—	57.00	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.36	
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Iraq to get 11 naval frigates from Italy

ROME, March 6 (R) — The Italian government has authorized the export to Iraq of 11 naval vessels and a floating dock worth a total of \$1.8 billion, a spokesman for the state-owned shipbuilding company Fincantieri has said.

The deal provides for the delivery of four 2,500-ton "Lupo" class frigates, six 600-ton Corvettes and a support vessel, as well as the dock, the spokesman said Wednesday. The vessels will be built by an Italian consortium and possibly paid for in part with Iraqi oil.

The contract was secretly initialed a year ago but only recently finalized after delays caused by U.S. objections and the military conflict between Iraq and Iran, informed sources said.

They said the Americans vetoed the delivery because the "Lupo" frigates are equipped with gas turbines produced under U.S. license. But they dropped their objections after Iraq had shown increasing political independence from the Soviet Union, the sources said.

The deal reflects the steadily improving relations between Italy and Iraq, which have repeatedly pledged to expand their political, economic and military cooperation.

Iraq receives about 20 per cent of its oil from Iran and has sent some 2,500 engineers and technicians to Iraq under a number of bilateral agreements.

Drought hits Brazil

FORTALEZA, Northeast Brazil, March 6 (AFP) — Thousands of starving peasants are wandering through northeast Brazil in search of food and work as a result of a prolonged drought which destroyed almost all the region's crops.

Peasants have invaded six towns in the state of Ceara, where there has been no rain for a month, the head of the Ceara Peasants' Federation said.

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Consumer prices rise in industrial states

WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said Thursday that consumer prices in industrial countries as a group rose at rate of 11.5 per cent in November, compared with an 11.3 per cent rate increase in October.

Countries experiencing higher rates of increase in November, compared with the previous month, were Belgium, Canada, Finland, West Germany, Japan, Norway and Switzerland, the IMF reported.

Lower rates were recorded by Austria, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States. December data available for some but not all of the industrial countries show higher rates of increase than in November for Austria, Belgium, Norway and Switzerland.

The IMF said the industrial countries incurred a trade deficit estimated at \$122.7 billion in the first 11 months of 1980, compared with an \$85 billion deficit in all of 1979. Data for the third quarter of 1980 showed the oil-exporting countries had a trade surplus of

\$42.06 billion compared with \$32.64 billion a year earlier.

In the first months of 1980 their trade surplus was \$126.13 billion compared with \$72.94 billion in the same period of 1979. In November, the total exports and imports of industrial countries dropped by \$11.1 billion and \$10.1 billion, respectively, or by 10 per cent and 8.5 per cent.

The IMF reported an increase of some 4.2 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) in industrial countries' foreign exchange holdings in November, while their holdings of

gold remained virtually unchanged. The SDR is an international reserve asset created by the IMF to supplement existing reserve assets.

All of the countries in the European monetary system except France increased their foreign exchange reserves in the two-month period. November and December although the United Kingdom, which is a member of the EMS but does not participate on the intervention arrangements, registered a decline of SDR 0.6 billion in its foreign exchange holdings the IMF reported.

Japan may give Russia loan for gas pipeline

TOKYO, March 6 (R) — The Export-Import Bank of Japan has said it will have talks soon with the Soviet Union on providing a loan to help finance the construction of a 5,000 km (3,000 mile) natural gas pipeline from Siberia to West Europe.

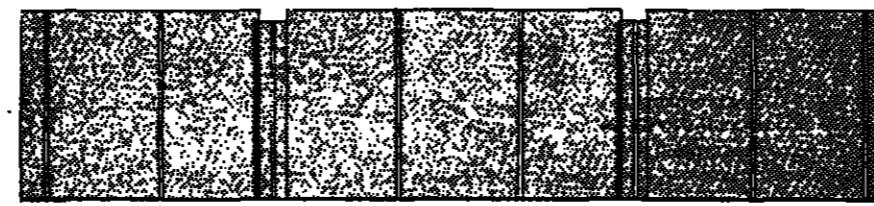
A spokesman for the semi-official bank

said the Soviet Union had not indicated the size of the loan it wanted, but sources estimate it could be about \$3 billion.

A Soviet mission, headed probably by Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Ivanov, is expected to visit Tokyo later this month to explain the \$12 billion gas-line plan in detail and discuss the loan and its terms, the spokesman added.

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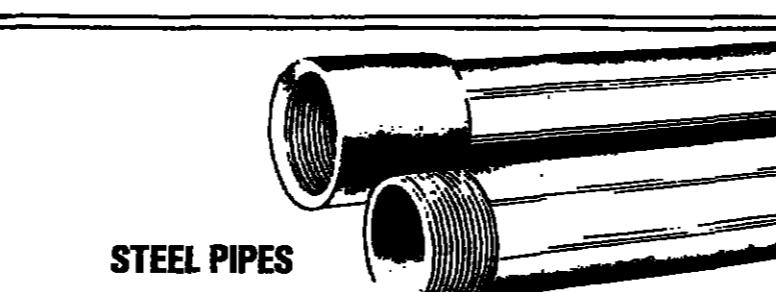
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U.K. faces airport strike threat

LONDON, March 6 (AP) — A threatened one-day strike by civil servants next Monday could shut down all major British airports for the first time since World War II, the civil aviation authority has said.

The agency advised airlines Thursday in the United States and other countries to assume no flights will be allowed in or out of Britain for 24 hours, beginning at midnight Sunday.

The country's 1,500 airport traffic controllers agreed to support the national strike called for Monday by unions representing 530,000 workers in the government civil service.

Closing of the airports would strand tens of thousands of air travelers in Britain and overseas. About 1,500 commercial airplanes use British airspace on a normal weekday.

In addition to airports, the strike is expected to shut down most government offices and museums.

Union members working at Buckingham Palace, however, planned to keep working under special union dispensation.

Negotiations between the government and nine civil service unions stalled over union demands for a 15 per cent across-the-board pay increase. The government has offered seven per cent raise.

The unions represent workers from janitors earning £50 (\$110) a week to permanent secretaries of ministries, who earn £33,000 pounds (\$72,000) a year.

The stoppage is scheduled the day before Britain's new tax budget is announced by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Meanwhile in Australia, Qantas airlines is expected to resume normal services within 24 hours after Friday's decision by airport ground staff to end their crippling three-week strike, a Qantas spokesman said.

The spokesman said groundstaff were returning to work after voting overwhelmingly earlier Friday in support of a recommendation from the Australian Council of Trade Unions to end the strike.

He said the action of two unions representing refuelers and refinery workers, who have stopped supplying fuel to Qantas, was not likely to slow down the return to normal work.

World Bank lends Turkey \$40million

WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP) — The World Bank has announced a \$40 million loan to Turkey for an industry project.

The loan will be channeled through Sinai Yatirimci Kredi Bankasi A.O., a financial institution set up by five commercial banks, to provide funds mainly to the country's small and medium scale industrial enterprises.

"The project's major objective is to foster employment creation in urban centers with high unemployment levels through the developments of labor intensive industrial enterprises, most of which are likely to be small and medium scale," the World Bank said.

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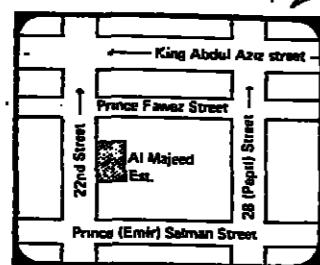
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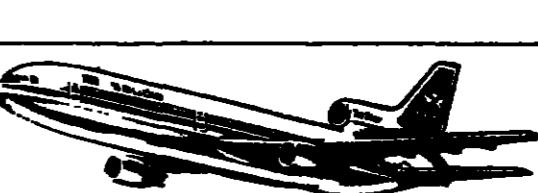
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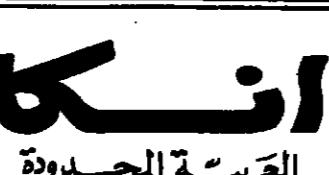


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Australia, America agree on B-52 bases

WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP) — Australia's foreign minister has said that "excellent progress" has been made on the negotiations for use of Australian bases by U.S. B-52 bombers. Anthony A. Street told a press conference that he expected final agreement will "be reached in the very near future".

Street had lengthy meetings Thursday with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig and senior State Department officials. He met Friday with Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and Vice President George Bush.

Street said the United States had asked for staging facilities for the B-52s at Darwin on the northern Australian coast for "surveillance flights only". He said that he "can see

no reason now, as a result of my discussions today, why a quick resolution will not now be reached on the issue".

He said all conditions "will be completely acceptable" to the Australian government. The negotiations were begun during the Carter administration and have recently been taken up by the new Reagan administration.

The Soviet ambassador in Australia, Nikolai Soudarikov, this week told journalists that the base agreement could make Australia a nuclear target. His remarks were sharply criticized by Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser who said the threat belied "so-called peace Soviet policies".

Street said he and Haig reviewed a wide range of East-West relation and North-South issues and found a "very high degree of common views and objectives". Street said Australia "welcomes" the Reagan administration's "more assertive role for America" in global strategy.

He said they discussed the U.S. grain embargo against the Soviet Union and he reaffirmed to Haig the Australian position that the level of exports which was fixed at the time of the invasion of Afghanistan will be maintained.

The question of a possible Soviet intervention in Poland was raised, he said, along with the possible responses to such an eventuality. Street said he made clear that Australia wished to be consulted in such a case and this was accepted.

Street said there was mutual agreement that if the developing countries of the third world are not assisted, they are likely to be a more fertile field for Soviet intervention. Following his meetings Friday, including a session with Congressmen on Capitol Hill, Street leaves for Canada en route home.

In London the British Foreign Office said Thursday no decision has been made on whether to accept American B-52 bombers on the British-owned Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

27 prisoners burned in Peru

LIMA, March 6 (AP) — A Peruvian prison riot turned one floor of cells into an inferno where 27 prisoners have been burned to death after a marauding gang of inmates doused their locked cells with kerosene, Peru's prison director reported.

Nineteen other injured inmates reportedly were stabbed Thursday with homemade knives or severely burned in the fight at the three-story concrete building in downtown Lima, which was designed to house 250 inmates but had a population of 1,096.

José Vasquez Estremaduro, director general of the prison system, said a fist and knife fight between two rival gangs broke out at 8 p.m. Wednesday and guards fired machine guns into the air to disperse them.

The fighting resumed later and more than 100 inmates not involved in the dispute took refuge in their cells on the third floor of the prison, he said. The attacking prisoners doused old mattresses and the cells with kerosene and started fires.

Reporters standing outside the walled building said they could hear the agonized screams of the trapped prisoners as the flames spread through the cellblock.

Vasquez called the incident "the worst massacre in Peruvian penal history."

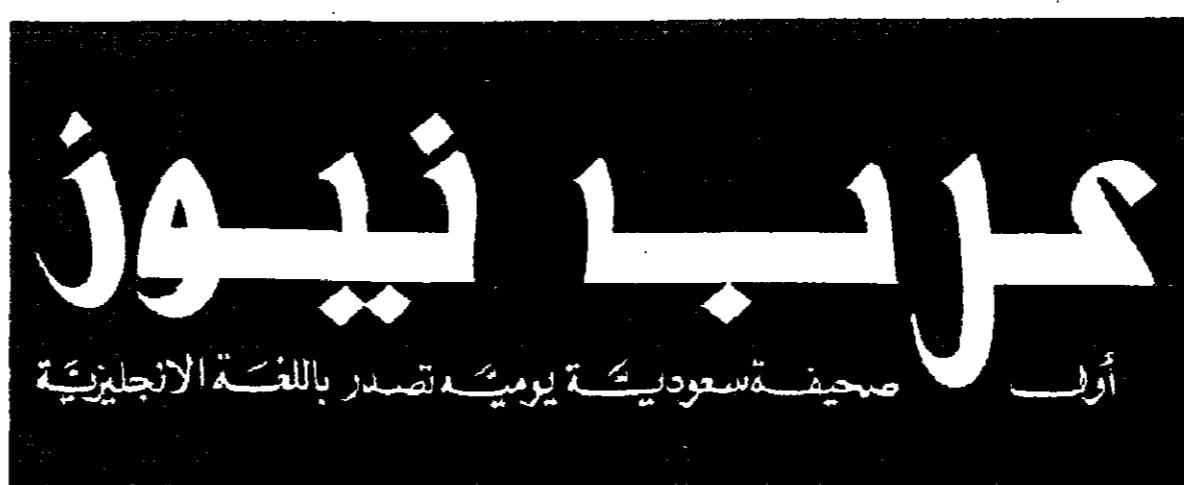
Vasquez said there were "some foreigners" inside, but none of them were among the dead and injured. U.S. embassy sources estimated there were nearly 40 Americans in Lima prisons, nearly all of them accused of drug violations.

Peru, Ecuador agree to withdraw troops

QUITO, March 6 (R) — Ecuador and Peru agreed early Friday to withdraw their troops from their disputed common frontier, a government spokesman said here. Information Secretary Augusto Alvarado told a press conference the agreement was reached at the end of the seventh day of bilateral talks at the frontier between military negotiators.

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PARTHENON DAMAGED: Cracks have appeared in the marble facade of the 2500-year-old Parthenon temple (circled) atop the ancient Acropolis in Greece following the shattering earthquakes which hit the country last week. The shocks, the biggest of which measured 6.6 and 6.3 degrees on the Richter scale, moved one of the columns two centimeters from its position.

Zia reviews situation

Hijacker releases one more

ISLAMABAD, March 6 (Agencies) — One more passenger of the Pakistani jetliner hijacked to Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday was released Friday, officials here said, raising the total number of passengers freed to 29.

Eighteen women, nine children and one ailing man were released in Kabul two days ago and brought back to Peshawar, 160 kms west of here, Thursday.

The latest passenger to be freed, identified as Asrar Ahmed, was ill and has been admitted to a hospital in Kabul, the Afghan capital, Pakistani officials said. He will be brought back to Pakistan as soon as he is fit to travel.

Friday was the fifth day of the hijacking of the Pakistan International Airlines Boeing 720, which has been standing on the tarmac at Kabul airport. The plane was hijacked while on a domestic flight with 148 passengers and crew aboard. Those remaining have not been permitted to leave the aircraft since the hijack began.

The hijackers are demanding the release of a number of persons detained in Pakistan on political grounds, according to information received here from Kabul.

President Gen. Zia Ul-Haq flew into Islamabad early Friday from Jeddah follow-

ing the first phase of a peace mission by Islamic nations aimed at stopping the Iran-Iraq hostilities. He reviewed the hijack situation with his officials Friday.

The gunner's leader Alam Gir had earlier demanded a "categorical reply" to his demand for the release of 90 political prisoners and warned of "serious consequences" if the demand was not met. But the Pakistani president described the demands as "vague" and said his government had asked for more details.

Zia told a news conference the hijackers, who said they belonged to the Al-Zulfiqar Group, wanted the release of parents and brothers of the students who were recently arrested in Karachi, the release of political prisoners and a government undertaking that they would not be re-arrested.

"The government had asked for details of these demands: what the hijacker meant by the release of parents and brothers of students and what were the names of the prisoners whom he wanted to be released," he said.

Meanwhile, Kabul airport, where the Boeing and 116 of its original 148 passengers had been waiting since being forced to fly there Monday, was closed to air traffic.

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inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by force.

3. Reaffirmation by Iran and Iraq of non-intervention and non-interference in any form in each other's internal affairs.

4. Reaffirmation by Iraq and Iran of their adherence to the principle of the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means.

5. Acceptance by Iran and Iraq of freedom of navigation in Shatt al Arab.

"B. Elements of a Package Peaceful Settlement

1. A ceasefire between Iraq and Iran shall come into force on the night of Thursday-Friday, 13 March 1981 at 0000 hours.

2. Withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Iranian territory shall commence from Friday, 20 March 1981, and will be completed within a period of four weeks subject to consideration by a military sub-committee.

3. Ceasefire and withdrawal shall take place under the supervision of Military Observers drawn from member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), acceptable to the two sides.

4. The case of Shatt al Arab will be referred to a committee composed of members of the OIC acceptable to both countries, Iran and Iraq, in order to establish a final statute of this water-way.

5. Negotiations for peaceful settlement of other disputes after the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Iranian territory.

6. Exchange of declarations by Iran and Iraq of non-intervention and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other.

7. OIC countries will guarantee the observance by both sides of the commitments undertaken on the basis of the package peaceful settlement and, if necessary, maintain observers on both sides of the international frontier for a certain period.

"C. Interim Measures for Free Navigation in Shatt Al Arab :

1. From the day on which the Ceasefire comes into force and pending such time when

Thais

tele to Petromin explaining Choochavan's visit and that he was indeed on a government mission and had every right to sign any deal.

On his return, an infuriated Choochavan presented Tansacha's telexes to the prime minister which led to a series of explanations by Tansacha and much mud-washing between the two parties in the press until the premier stepped in to soothe the situation by announcing that Tansacha had acted "negligently" in sending the two telexes, he was however, cleared on charge of corruption.

Political observers, economists and seven SAP members are of the opinion that the present situation in Thailand was not caused by the oil contract signed by Choochavan. In fact, many here are continuing to laud the deal and Saudi Arabia on its efforts to help Thailand.

Mission

a final agreement on Shatt al Arab is reached, navigation in the water-way shall be organized and supervised by a special body under the auspices of the OIC.

2. This special body may call upon the OIC to provide a peace-keeping contingent to

Reagan adds \$32 billion to Carter defense budget

WASHINGTON, March 6 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has asked Congress to add \$32.6 billion to the defense budget for the next 18 months, including 33 per cent more on new weapons. He called for more spending than his predecessor Jimmy Carter in almost every area, but the largest share of the increase, nearly \$23 billion, is for weapons ranging from a fleet of new manned bombers to a \$3.7 billion aircraft carrier.

His additions to the Pentagon budget would authorize expenditure of \$1.3 trillion for five years from 1982, nearly \$200 billion more than the amount Carter sought. It would double defense spending in the Gulf and Indian Ocean regions.

Outlining the Reagan administration's proposals to the Senate Armed Services Committee Wednesday, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said the U.S. "had fallen dangerously far behind" the Soviet Union and must do whatever was necessary to catch up. "It is essential that we ... do something about this as quickly as we can ... We are asking for things that we believe are absolutely essential," he said.

The Reagan plan calls for a sixth nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, a new manned bomber fleet, the recommissioning of two World War II battleships and the acquisition of many more ships, planes and tanks than Carter proposed. It would also strengthen the U.S. rapid deployment force and improve military installations on the British-owned Diego Garcia island base.

Weinberger said the proposed increases over the next five years would redress the military balance with the Soviet Union and restore U.S. strategic nuclear deterrence.

The planned budget figures released Wednesday included authority for \$175 billion this year, \$6.8 billion above the Carter request. For the 1982 fiscal year, starting Oct. 1, Reagan requested \$222.2 billion, an increase of \$25.8 billion. The figures represented a real after-inflation growth of seven per cent this year and 6.2 per cent next year, well above Carter's proposed rate of spending increase and the NATO target of three per cent a year.

But the figures, and the projections for the four years that follow, are based on assumptions about the U.S. inflation rate which administration critics challenge as unrealistic.

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BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT: U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger addressing a press conference at the Pentagon Wednesday on defense spending hikes.

Dollar firms up

LONDON, March 6 (AP) — The dollar firmed on world foreign exchanges Friday, jumping trading, while gold prices were narrowly mixed after touching 15-month lows Thursday. The British pound was won \$2.1915 (\$2.2035).

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 209.25 yen up from 207.80 Thursday and 208.85 a week earlier. In later European trading, the dollar was quoted at 209.10 yen.

Dealers said there was nervousness over possible central bank action to restore order to the foreign exchange market, particularly in light of the way high interest rates have sent the dollar surging this year.

London's five bullion houses fixed a morning recommended gold price of \$462 a troy ounce, down from \$463.25 late Thursday. Zurich's metal traded at \$464.50 up \$0.46. Prices fell to around \$455 at point Thursday, lowest since mid-December.

Los Angeles hijacker surrenders peacefully

LOS ANGELES, March 6 (AP) — "very calm" gunman who seized a jetliner Thursday at Los Angeles International Airport surrendered peacefully after a 10-hour standoff in which he demanded \$3 million and threatened to blow up the aircraft authorities said.

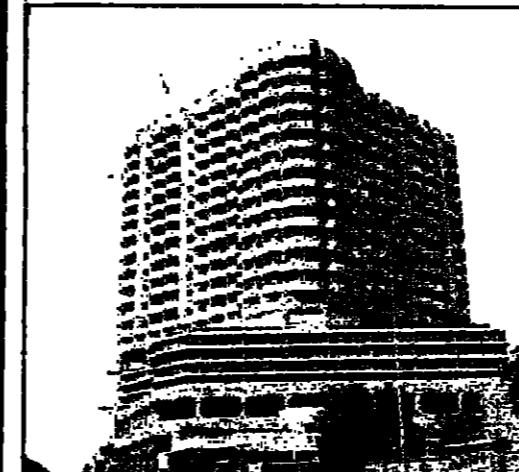
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